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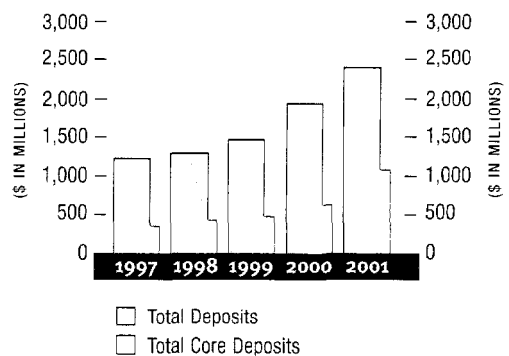
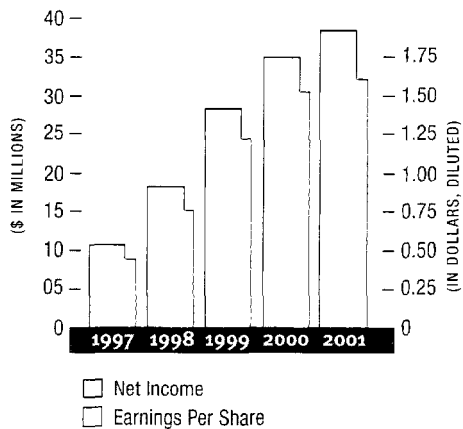
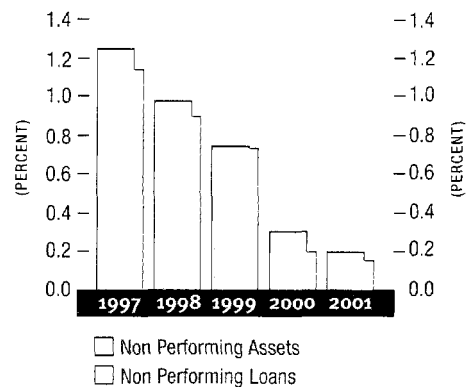
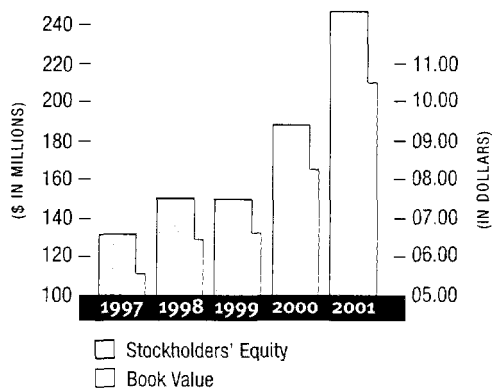
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Bridges connect past to future, enabling us to achieve destinations that might otherwise be out of reach. For nearly three decades, East West Bank has served as a powerful bridge between East and West, linking our customers, our communities, and our shareholders to new opportunities and new futures of their own.

East West Bank is unique among community banks. We combine the strength of the nation's foremost bank serving the Chinese-American community with that of one of California's largest and most respected commercial banks. With 31 branches and more than \$2.8 billion in assets, our success is the success of the people we serve.



[FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS]

East West Bancorp 5-Year Financial Highlights (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net Interest Income | \$ 44,446 | \$ 55,665 | \$ 71,885 | \$ 89,487 | \$ 99,350 |
| Noninterest Income | 8,493 | 10,027 | 14,693 | 14,968 | 21,591 |
| Noninterest Expense | 29,010 | 32,626 | 39,509 | 49,960 | 62,124 |
| Net Income | 11,011 | 18,028 | 28,027 | 35,467 | 38,783 |
| Earnings per Share, diluted | 0.46 | 0.76 | 1.22 | 1.53 | 1.61 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Assets | \$1,734,339 | \$2,058,160 | \$2,152,630 | \$2,485,971 | \$2,825,303 |
| Loans | 934,850 | 1,100,579 | 1,486,641 | 1,789,988 | 2,132,838 |
| Deposits | 1,235,072 | 1,292,937 | 1,500,529 | 1,948,562 | 2,417,974 |
| Stockholders' Equity | 132,552 | 150,830 | 150,080 | 186,149 | 244,415 |
| | | | | | |
| Return on Average Assets | 0.70% | 1.00% | 1.35% | 1.51% | 1.47% |
| Return on Average Equity | 8.91% | 12.83% | 18.96% | 21.57% | 17.73% |
| Net Interest Margin | 2.92% | 3.22% | 3.62% | 4.03% | 3.98% |
| Efficiency Ratio ⁽¹⁾ | 52.47% | 46.52% | 40.56% | 40.91% | 45.22% |
| Non-Performing Assets to Total Assets | 1.25% | 0.99% | 0.75% | 0.30% | 0.20% |
| Non-Performing Loans to Total Loans | 1.15% | 0.88% | 0.73% | 0.20% | 0.17% |
| Tier 1 Leverage Ratio (Bank) | 7.98% | 7.38% | 7.31% | 7.85% | 8.22% |
| Total Risk Based Capital Ratio (Bank) | 13.37% | 11.42% | 10.58% | 10.67% | 10.95% |

(1) Represents noninterest expense, excluding the amortization of intangibles and investments in affordable housing partnerships, divided by the aggregate of net interest income before provision for loan losses and noninterest income, excluding the amortization of intangibles.

**“An equal
focus on today’s
performance
and tomorrow’s
possibilities.”**

Dominic Ng





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To our shareholders:

The theme for our 2001 annual report – foundations – reflects a philosophy that East West Bancorp has pursued since our formation, which has resulted in sustained earnings growth and shareholder value. Any lasting and viable banking franchise requires the sturdiest possible operational base, along with its continual enhancement.

In this report, you will read about the foundations on which we have built East West Bancorp, the benefits to our shareholders and how we plan to further our success based on these tested pillars of strength. These tenets – innovation in core ethnic markets; value-added, relationship commercial banking;

solid financial fundamentals; and a commitment to customers and community – have driven the performance of East West from the beginning. Each accomplishment at the bank is interdependent, resulting from a carefully planned and executed strategy of core banking fundamentals. As we build for the future, we focus equally on today's performance and tomorrow's possibilities.

This past year confirmed the soundness of our approach. Despite a slowing economy and the fastest, most prolonged interest rate decrease in memory, we generated another year of record financial performance for our shareholders. This success was not the byproduct of luck, but rather of actions taken in 2001 and in prior years to construct one of the most prominent, respected independent commercial banks in California. By capitalizing on our operational and financial strengths, we enhanced our position in a number of attractive niche markets, which allowed us to better serve



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our client base and richly reward our shareholders.

Tangible proof came in our financial performance: a record \$38.8 million net income and diluted earnings per share of \$1.61, representing 9% and 5%, respectively, above 2000 and approximately 250% greater than our earnings only five years ago. We continued to effectively use our capital, generating a return on assets of 1.47% and a return on equity of 17.7%, and ending the year with our strongest ever capital positions. Equally important, we reported the best asset quality in the past decade and worked diligently throughout the year to build a fortress-like balance sheet.

Building on Past Successes

The successes of 2001 should not be viewed in isolation. Each of our pillars of strength made a key contribution. We increased our core deposits in checking and savings by nearly \$463 million, thanks to our increased commercial presence,

as well as a heightened focus on innovative services for retail customers. These core deposits now represent a record 46% of total deposits, supporting our net interest margin and our strongest-ever deposits base. By leveraging these growing deposits, we will support continued strength in our net interest margin.

Further evidence of the success of our commitment to protecting shareholder value came in our enhanced asset quality in 2001. We continued to attract new loan customers through our value-added services and expertise, rather than being forced to offer aggressive terms and reduced diligence on loan quality. Throughout the year, we actively managed our loan portfolio and tightened underwriting standards, steps we initiated in late 1999. Despite this conservative approach, our loan portfolio grew to a record level and we achieved the lowest level of non-performing assets in over a decade – another factor in the year's record results. This solid performance

will allow us to concentrate on sustainable growth, rather than problem assets, in coming years.

We worked diligently to improve shareholder value in other ways in 2001, balancing long-term goals against short-term realities. For example, we were fortunate to cultivate strategic relationships with new and existing investors who share our vision for the bank. Furthermore, East West's achievements won even wider market recognition, resulting in an 8% increase in share price, compared to a 6% decline in the Dow Jones and a 15% decrease in the NASDAQ indices. We also continued our share buyback program, repurchasing \$12.9 million of shares during the year, as well as paying \$2.8 million in dividends to our shareholders. Based on 2001's performance and the bank's positive outlook, we increased the annual dividend on our stock by 125% to \$0.27 a share in early 2002.

Among the year's other notable achievements were:

- **A record \$2.8 billion in total assets**
- **24% growth in deposits to \$2.4 billion, with a 72% increase in core deposits to \$1.1 billion – also a record**
- **19% growth in loan portfolio to \$2.1 billion**
- **44% increase in non-interest income – the highest ever – to \$21.6 million**
- **Non-performing assets dropped to 0.20% of total assets and non performing loans decreased to 0.17% of total loans.**
- **Only 0.21% in net charge-offs (of total loans)**
- **\$10.46 in book value per share – a 27% increase over 2000 and a 103% increase over 1996.**

Foundation for the Future

In last year's report, I noted that the success of 2000 marked the

beginning of our second phase of development as one of California's premier commercial banks. The accomplishments of 2001 added new pages to this second chapter in the East West story.

Not only did we deliver on all of the promises we made last year, but we also established a stronger foundation for achievement over the next several years, through an effective balance of earnings growth and prudent investment in our banking platform. Each action we took produced current earnings power for our shareholders and, more important, was designed to enhance our earnings in years to come.

Among the more important elements put in place were:

- *99 Ranch Supermarket Banking Agreement.*

East West teamed with the nation's largest Asian-focused supermarket chain in a singular partnership that further extends our innovative approach to our core ethnic market. This agreement enables us to offer convenient in-store



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banking to 99 Ranch's 500,000 customers, with a number of unique, joint promotions that will maximize the benefits of being an East West in-store customer. We believe that this new initiative will expand our lead in the Chinese-American market, while at the same time it will provide a rich source of low-cost, lasting retail deposits to fund continued growth.

• *Prime Bank acquisition.*

The integration of this business bank to the East West family strengthened our deposit foundations, adding over \$300 million in deposits from new commercial sectors and relationships, making a vital contribution to our performance in 2001. We anticipate the full benefit of this new deposit base to be realized over the next several years.

• *Gains in fee income.*

This past year saw healthy gains made in fee income through a number of initiatives, including

our insurance operations, trade finance programs and credit enhancement for low income housing – all of which we intend to leverage in the year ahead.

In closing, we are extremely pleased to generate another year of record performance for our shareholders. We continue to maintain our commitment to building the strongest possible foundation for East West so that the achievements and investments of 2000 will yield significant results in 2002 and beyond.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I especially wish to acknowledge the efforts of our employees and to thank them, along with our shareholders, for their indispensable support.

With sadness, I note that our esteemed director, Edward Zapanta, M.D. passed away in February of this year. I will greatly miss his wisdom and his friendship. Please read our tribute to Dr. Zapanta on the inside

back cover of this report.

In all, East West Bancorp enters this year better positioned than at any other time in our history.

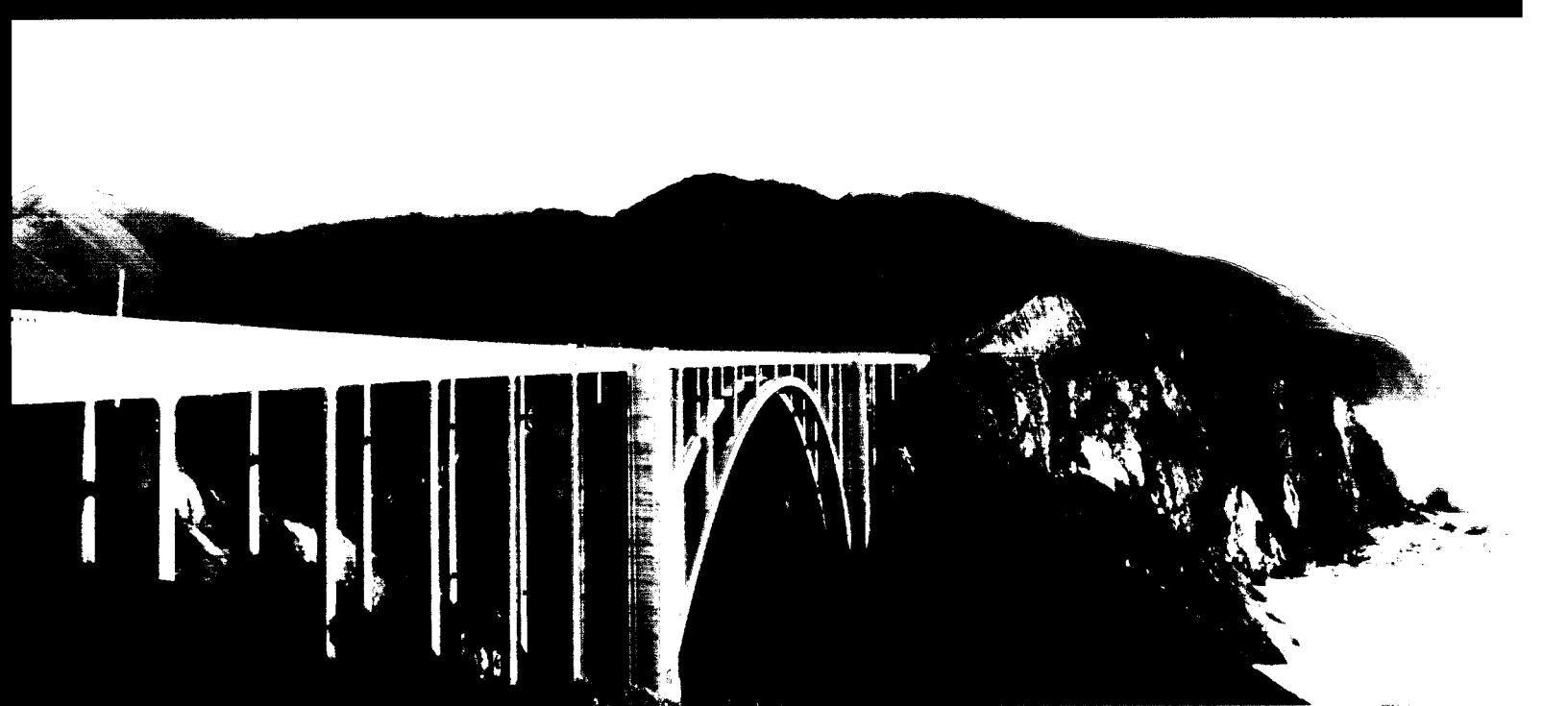
We invite you to join us in building this profitable future.

Dominic Ng
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Constructing an effective bridge is no simple challenge. It requires planning, skill, detailed execution, the right materials, and commitment to quality. Most of all, it requires a strong foundation — essential to being able to span long distances.

At East West Bancorp, we are building lasting achievements from such a foundation, comprised of several pillars of strength. These include our visionary leadership in the Chinese-American market; expertise in high growth, niche commercial sectors; value-added, relationship commercial banking; solid financial fundamentals; and an ongoing commitment to our customers and communities.

Together, these pillars enable East West to achieve consistent, profitable growth in a variety of economic conditions and, through reinvestment, to support future expansion. Based on these foundations, we have rewarded our shareholders with one of the best performances of any community bank in the nation.



“Opportunities multiply
as they are seized.”

Sun Tzu



LOOKING AHEAD: TRUSTED NAMES

Beginning in first quarter 2002, East West Bank will offer supermarket banking to the customers of 99 Ranch Markets, the nation's largest supermarket chain serving the Asian-American community. This groundbreaking alliance, announced in 2001, will give the Bank access to more than 500,000 potential customers, whom we can serve at far lower costs than in traditional branches.

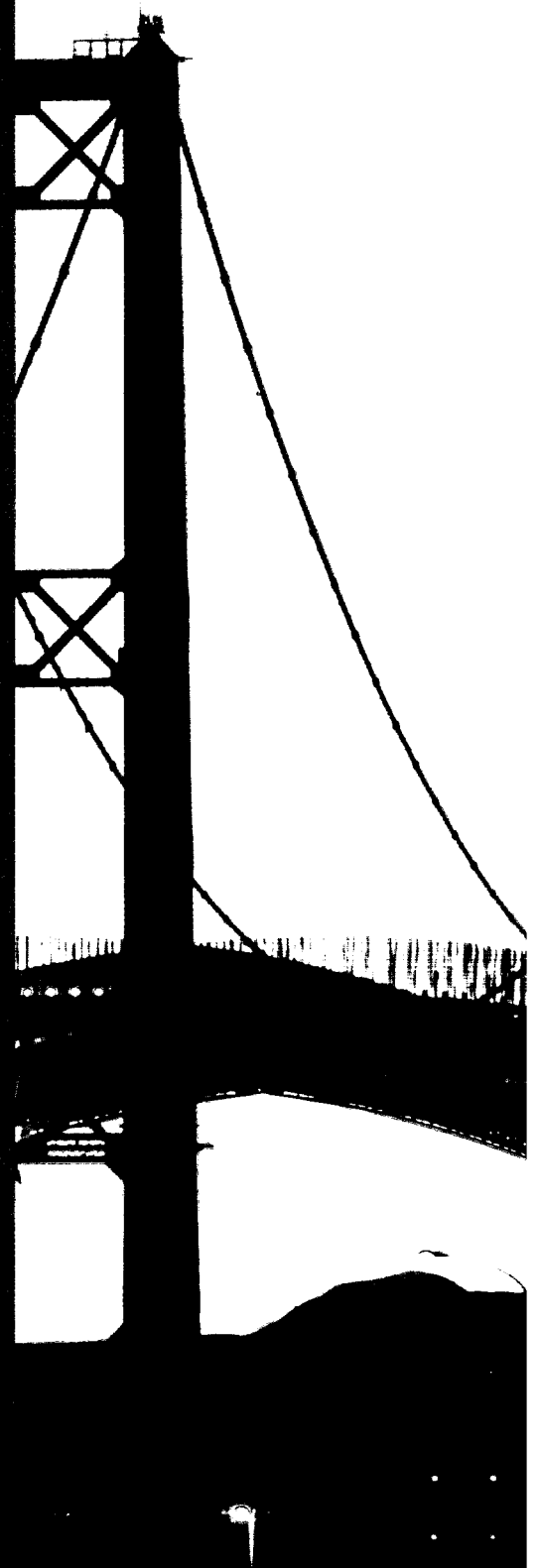
California's vibrant, growing Chinese-American community launched East West Bancorp and has been one of the primary reasons for our success. By meeting the unique banking needs of our core ethnic customers, we have become the nation's leading Chinese-American focused bank. East West sees opportunities where other banks see only hurdles. Among our innovative solutions have been a secured credit card program for immigrants, essential for establishing credit; the nation's first trilingual ATMs in English, Chinese and Spanish; the first 24-hour telephone banking in these languages; and the recent introduction of the first fully interactive Chinese-text internet banking. Our commitment to this market has generated an extremely stable, low-cost deposit base that has grown along with the Bank – adding over \$100 million in new retail deposits in 2001 alone. Our retail franchise also provides a rich source of low risk mortgage and consumer loans, along with a platform to expand our commercial banking and trade finance activities.

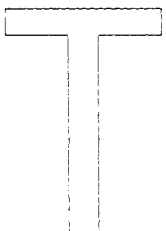
In 1973, East West opened in Chinatown as the first federally chartered savings institution serving the Chinese immigrant community. Over the past decade, the Chinese-American population in California has increased by 39%, the fastest growth rate for any ethnic group.



“Diligence
is the
mother of
good luck.”

Benjamin Franklin



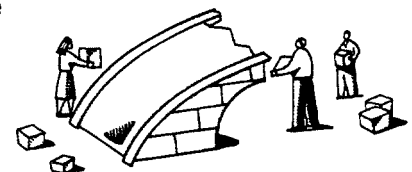


The true value of a commercial banking franchise lies in the lasting relationships formed with our core customers that yield repeat business and operational efficiencies, while also contributing to strong asset quality. In an era of big banks with low rates and impersonal service, East West has created competitive advantages through industry-specific experience and an intimate knowledge of our customers, which make this bank more than a source of capital, but a true partner in their success. Our expertise encompasses trade finance and government export guarantee programs, affordable housing, entertainment services and commercial real estate. Companies increasingly turn to East West as a singular source not only for access to Asian markets here and overseas, but also for our guidance and insights. The result: by year end, our commercial deposits grew by over \$375 million or 138%. Commercial lending also showed the rewards of relationship-based banking, growing 24% during a time of tighter credit standards.

East West has assembled a highly productive team of seasoned commercial bankers who are helping customers build their own financial foundations.

LOOKING AHEAD: NICHE MARKETS

East West is committed to building on our expertise and relationships in core niche markets to generate strong returns for shareholders. We're one of a limited number of banks able to successfully compete in the financing of affordable housing, a growth area for 2002. We also plan to expand on activities in the guaranteed import/export market.



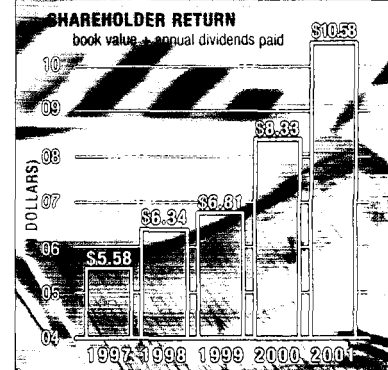


“Success comes to
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to be looking for it.”

Henry David Thoreau

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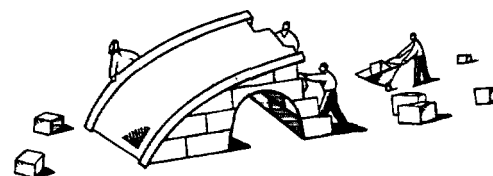
Guiding everything we do at East West is a belief in solid financial fundamentals as the underpinning for a prosperous, enduring banking franchise. For almost 30 years, we have diligently set in place a foundation of strong capital ratios, core earnings power, superior asset quality and a fortress-like balance sheet. Today, having built on these fundamentals in the past, East West has achieved the strongest financial position in our history – one that will lead to future financial strength. Both the benefits and further strengthening of our foundation were apparent during 2001, when we generated another year with record earnings of \$38.8 million, non-performing assets of only 0.20% of total assets, and a total capital ratio of 11.0%. This strong performance allowed us to reward our shareholders, while we continued to invest in our platform to support sustained earnings growth.



LOOKING AHEAD: LONG-TERM VALUE

By emphasizing core financial principles, East West Bank has been able to generate earnings not only in times of economic expansion, but during more challenging economic conditions as well. This strength will give us greater flexibility in the future to invest in operations while we create long-term shareholder value.

Throughout its history, East West has built a solid financial base to support its future. In just the past 5 years, total assets have grown by 63%, stockholders' equity by 84% and net income by 252%.



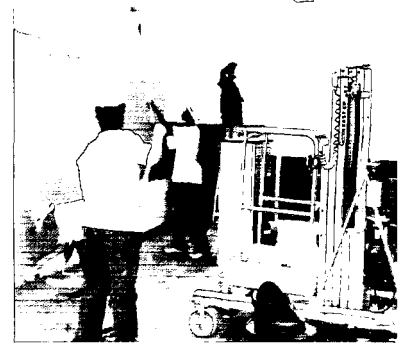
Stephen R. Covey



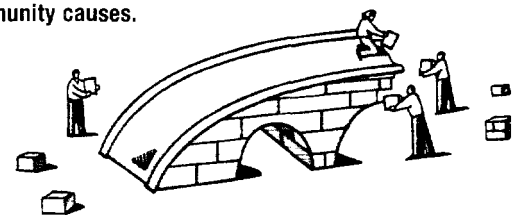
If innovation has long been one cornerstone to the success of East West Bank, so has our commitment to the region in which we work and live. To strengthen the foundation for a healthier community, we sponsor a wide range of events and causes year-round, leveraging our distinctive role as one of the few places where Chinese and mainstream communities meet. In this way, we further extend the bridge between East and West. In 2001, we joined with the Los Angeles County Recorder to encourage online and in-branch voter registration. Together with a Chinese radio station, we promoted screening tests with the American Diabetes Association, while a team of 150 East West employees participated in the Revlon Cancer Walk. Also in 2000-2001, Dominic Ng, our Chairman, President and CEO, served as Campaign Chairman for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, heading an effort that raised \$66 million for this local chapter.

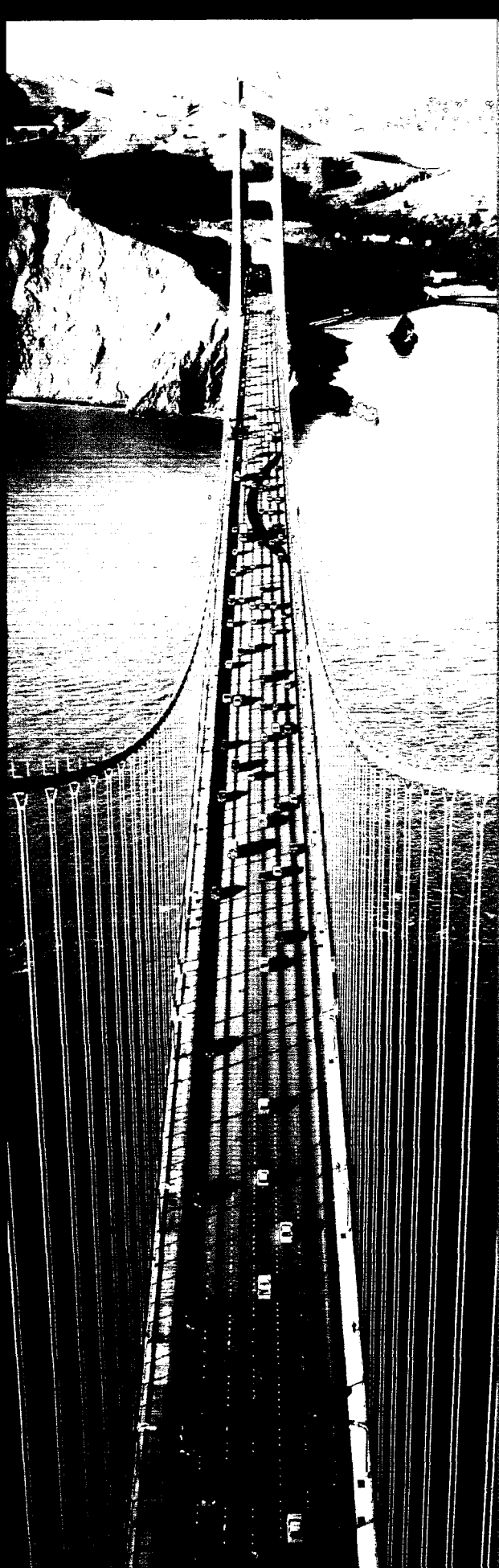
LOOKING AHEAD: DAY OF CARING

Each year, East West Bank and teams of dedicated employees take part in the United Way's Annual Day of Caring. Early in 2002, this day saw our employees and family members pitch in at the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena to paint facilities and to counsel teens in a leadership training program.



East West Bank began our community involvement in the Chinese-American neighborhoods in which we were founded. Today, our numerous outreach programs extend to a full spectrum of community causes.





“The best
way to predict
the future is
to invent it.”

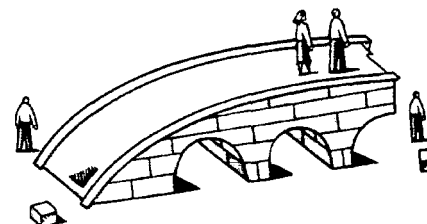
Alan Kay

As we capitalize on our pillars of strength, East West Bank enters the next phase of our expansion as a premier commercial bank with deep community roots. We construct this positive outlook on our relationship-based banking, stellar expertise in niche markets, ability to link the interests of East and West, and dedication to a level of performance that benefits clients and shareholders alike. As we move forward, we intend to reinforce our earnings power through a series of strategic goals, including efforts to maintain solid net interest margins through an enhanced core deposit base, to sustain excellent asset quality through portfolio management, to maximize revenue from each relationship with fee-generating activities, and to leverage the expertise and capabilities within the Bank through new services and products. In this way, we can create a sustainable foundation that has true and consistent value and help others span the distance between today and tomorrow.

To East West Bank, constructing an effective bridge is an uninterrupted process. We are always putting new building blocks in place to strengthen the base on which we grow.

LOOKING AHEAD: FINANCIAL GOALS

With successful execution of our management strategies, East West Bank is focused on meeting these long-term goals: organic earnings per share growth of 10% to 15%; return on assets of at least 1.50%, and return on equity of at least 20%; non-performing assets below 0.50% of total assets, and annual loan losses below 0.30% of total loans.



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FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data) | | | | |
| Summary of Operations: | | | | | |
| Interest and dividend income | \$ 182,698 | \$ 186,080 | \$ 148,027 | \$ 126,706 | \$ 107,092 |
| Interest expense | 83,348 | 96,593 | 76,142 | 71,243 | 62,646 |
| Net interest income | 99,350 | 89,487 | 71,885 | 55,665 | 44,446 |
| Provision for loan losses | 6,217 | 4,400 | 5,439 | 5,356 | 5,588 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 93,133 | 85,087 | 66,446 | 50,309 | 38,858 |
| Noninterest income | 21,591 | 14,968 | 14,693 | 10,027 | 8,493 |
| Noninterest expense | 62,124 | 49,960 | 39,509 | 32,626 | 29,010 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 52,600 | 50,095 | 41,630 | 27,710 | 18,341 |
| Provision for income taxes | 13,730 | 14,628 | 13,603 | 9,662 | 7,330 |
| Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle | 38,870 | 35,467 | 28,027 | 18,028 | 11,011 |
| Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax | (87) | - | - | - | - |
| Net income | \$ 38,783 | \$ 35,467 | \$ 28,027 | \$ 18,026 | \$ 11,011 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 1.68 | \$ 1.58 | \$ 1.23 | \$ 0.76 | \$ 0.46 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 1.61 | \$ 1.53 | \$ 1.22 | \$ 0.76 | \$ 0.46 |
| Dividends per share | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.12 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average number of shares outstanding, basic | 23,033 | 22,448 | 22,757 | 23,775 | 23,775 |
| Average number of shares outstanding, diluted | 24,054 | 23,168 | 22,895 | 23,775 | 23,775 |
| At Year End: | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$2,825,303 | \$2,485,971 | \$2,152,630 | \$2,058,160 | \$1,734,339 |
| Loans receivable, net | 2,132,838 | 1,789,988 | 1,486,641 | 1,100,579 | 934,850 |
| Investment securities | 323,099 | 488,290 | 496,426 | 682,436 | 374,810 |
| Deposits | 2,417,974 | 1,948,562 | 1,500,529 | 1,282,937 | 1,235,072 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 104,000 | 268,000 | 482,000 | 563,000 | 211,000 |
| Stockholders' equity | 244,415 | 186,149 | 150,080 | 150,830 | 132,552 |
| Shares outstanding | 23,376 | 22,661 | 22,423 | 23,775 | 23,775 |
| Book value per share | \$ 10.46 | \$ 8.21 | \$ 6.69 | \$ 6.34 | \$ 5.58 |
| Financial Ratios: | | | | | |
| Return on assets | 1.47% | 1.51% | 1.35% | 1.00% | 0.70% |
| Return on equity | 17.73 | 21.57 | 18.95 | 12.83 | 8.91 |
| Average stockholders' equity to average assets | 8.26 | 7.02 | 7.12 | 7.00 | 7.87 |
| Net interest margin | 3.98 | 4.03 | 3.62 | 3.22 | 2.92 |
| Efficiency ratio (1) | 45.22 | 40.91 | 40.56 | 46.52 | 52.47 |
| Asset Quality Ratios: | | | | | |
| Net chargeoffs to average loans | 0.21% | 0.22% | 0.17% | 0.11% | 0.37% |
| Nonperforming assets to year end total assets | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.75 | 0.99 | 1.25 |
| Allowance for loan losses to year end total gross loans | 1.28 | 1.31 | 1.38 | 1.47 | 1.29 |

(1) Represents noninterest expense, excluding the amortization of intangibles and investments in affordable housing partnerships, divided by the aggregate of net interest income before provision for loan losses and noninterest income, excluding the amortization of intangibles.

The following discussion provides information about the results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, and capital resources of East West Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). This information is intended to facilitate the understanding and assessment of significant changes and trends related to the financial condition of the Company and the results of its operations. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes presented elsewhere herein.

East West Bancorp, Inc. is predominantly a bank holding company. Its primary subsidiary, East West Bank (the "Bank") is a state chartered bank with 31 branch offices located in Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Alameda counties. The Bank's results of operations are primarily dependent on its net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on its assets, primarily loans and investments, and the interest expense on its liabilities, primarily deposits and borrowings. Net interest income may be affected significantly by general economic and competitive conditions and policies of regulatory agencies, particularly with respect to market interest rates. The results of operations are also significantly influenced by the level of noninterest expense, such as employee salaries and benefits; noninterest income, such as fees on deposit-related services; and the Bank's provision for loan losses. The Bank has three wholly-owned subsidiaries—E-W Services, Inc., which holds property used by the Bank in its operations, East-West Investments, Inc., which primarily serves as a trustee for the Bank in connection with real estate secured loans, and EWSC Holdings, LLC, which owns 100% of the voting shares of East West Securities Company, Inc., a non-diversified, closed-end, management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial information contained within these statements is, to a significant extent, financial information that is based on approximate measures of the financial effects of transactions and events that have already occurred. Based on its consideration of accounting policies that involve the most complex and subjective decisions and assessments, management has identified its most critical accounting policy to be that related to the allowance for loan losses. The Company's allowance for loan loss methodologies incorporate a variety of risk considerations, both quantitative and qualitative, in establishing an allowance for loan loss that management believes is appropriate at each reporting date. Quantitative factors include our historical loss experience, delinquency and charge-off trends, collateral values, changes in non-performing loans, and other factors. Quantitative factors also incorporate known information about individual loans, including borrowers' sensitivity to interest rate movements and borrowers' sensitivity to quantifiable external factors including commodity and finished good prices as well as acts of nature (earthquakes, floods, fires, etc.) that occur in a particular period. Qualitative factors include the general economic environment in our markets and, in particular, the state of certain industries. Size and complexity of individual credits in relation to lending officers' background and experience levels, loan structure, extent and nature of waivers of existing loan policies and pace of portfolio growth are other qualitative factors that are considered in our methodologies. As the Company adds new products, increases the complexity of its loan portfolio, and expands its geographic coverage, it will enhance its methodologies to keep pace with the size and complexity of the loan portfolio. Changes in any of the above factors could have significant impact to the loan loss calculation. Management believes that the Company's methodologies continue to be appropriate given its size and level of complexity. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes presented elsewhere herein including the section "Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses."

Results of Operations

The Company reported net income of \$38.8 million for 2001, compared with \$35.5 million for 2000 and \$28.0 million for 1999, representing an increase of 9% for 2001 and 27% for 2000. On a per diluted share basis, net income was \$1.61, \$1.53 and \$1.22 for 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. During 2001, the increase in net earnings is primarily attributable to higher net interest income and noninterest-related revenues and a lower provision for income taxes, partially offset by higher operating expenses and provision for loan losses. Earnings in 2000 improved over 1999 primarily due to growth in the loan portfolio, a higher net interest margin and lower provision for loan losses partially offset by higher operating expenses. The Company's return on average total assets decreased to 1.47% in 2001, compared to 1.51% in 2000 and 1.35% in 1999, while the annualized return on average stockholders' equity decreased to 17.73% in 2001, compared with 21.57% in 2000 and 18.96% in 1999.

Components of Net Income

| | <u>2001</u> | <u>2000</u> (In millions) | <u>1999</u> |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Net interest income | \$99.3 | \$89.5 | \$71.9 |
| Provision for loan losses | (6.2) | (4.4) | (5.4) |
| Noninterest income | 21.6 | 15.0 | 14.7 |
| Noninterest expense | (62.1) | (50.0) | (39.5) |
| Provision for income taxes | (13.7) | (14.6) | (13.6) |
| Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle | (0.1) | - | - |
| Net income | <u>\$38.8</u> | <u>\$35.5</u> | <u>\$28.0</u> |
| Return on average total assets | <u>1.47%</u> | <u>1.51%</u> | <u>1.35%</u> |

Net Interest Income

The Bank's primary source of revenue is net interest income, which is the difference between interest income on earning assets and interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest income in 2001 totaled \$99.3 million, an 11% increase over net interest income of \$89.5 million in 2000.

Total interest and dividend income during 2001 decreased 2% to \$182.7 million compared with \$186.1 million during 2000 primarily due to lower yields on all categories of earning assets and reduced volume of the Company's investment securities portfolio. Despite a 12% growth in average earning assets during 2001, particularly in loans and short-term investments, it was not enough to compensate for the negative impact of several progressive cuts in interest rates during the year. Growth in the Bank's average loan and short-term investment portfolio, partially offset by decreases in investment securities and FHLB stock, triggered the growth in average earning assets. The net growth in average earning assets was funded largely by increases in time deposits, noninterest-bearing demand deposits, interest-bearing checking accounts, and money market accounts.

Total interest expense during 2001 decreased 14% to \$83.3 million compared with \$96.6 million a year ago. The decrease in interest expense is attributable to lower rates paid on substantially all categories of interest-bearing liabilities compounded by a significantly lower volume of FHLB advances and brokered deposits.

Since yields on earning assets reacted more instantaneously to the downward trend in interest rates, the lag in the repricing of the Company's considerable time deposit portfolio has resulted in a contraction of the Company's net interest spread and net interest margin. Net interest margin, defined as taxable equivalent net interest income divided by average earning assets, decreased 5 basis points to 3.98% in 2001, compared with 4.03% in 2000. As a result of several progressive declines in interest rates since the beginning of the year, the overall yield on earning assets decreased 106 basis points to 7.33% in 2001, compared to 8.39% in 2000. Similarly, the Company's overall cost of funds for 2001 decreased 84 basis points to 4.07% in response to the declining interest rate environment, compared to 4.91% for 2000. The decrease in interest expense during 2001 did not occur as quickly as the decrease in interest income on earning assets because of the lag in the repricing of the Company's substantial portfolio of time deposits. Despite the Company's continued reliance on noninterest-bearing demand deposits as a considerable funding source, as evidenced by an 88% increase in such deposits during 2001 in comparison to the prior year, the Company was not immune to the unfavorable impact of significant declines in market interest rates during the year which had a disproportional effect on the Company's asset yields and cost of funds.

Comparing 2000 to 1999, the Company's net interest margin increased 41 basis points to 4.03% in 2000, compared to 3.62% in 1999. The increase in net interest margin is primarily due to a 28% volume increase in average loans and a 60% increase in average noninterest-bearing demand deposits. Higher overall yields on earning assets partially offset by higher rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities, both stemming from a rise in overall interest rates, further contributed to the increase in net interest margin during 2000.

The following table presents the net interest spread, net interest margin, average balances, interest income and expense, and the average yields and rates by asset and liability component for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | 2001 | | | 2000 | | | 1999 | | |
| | Average Balance | Interest | Average Yield Rate | Average Balance | Interest | Average Yield Rate | Average Balance | Interest | Average Yield Rate |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| Short-term investments | \$ 77,820 | \$ 3,158 | 4.06% | \$ 12,483 | \$ 960 | 7.69% | \$ 40,262 | \$ 2,381 | 5.91% |
| Investment securities (1)(2)(3) | 429,790 | 23,410 | 5.45% | 513,126 | 32,521 | 6.34% | 609,587 | 35,560 | 5.83% |
| Loans receivable (1)(4) | 1,974,857 | 155,480 | 7.87% | 1,670,981 | 150,985 | 9.04% | 1,306,306 | 108,547 | 8.31% |
| FHLB stock | 10,861 | 650 | 5.98% | 21,794 | 1,614 | 7.41% | 29,203 | 1,539 | 5.27% |
| Total interest-earning assets | 2,493,328 | 182,698 | 7.33% | 2,218,384 | 186,080 | 8.39% | 1,985,358 | 148,027 | 7.46% |
| Noninterest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | 55,280 | | | 47,343 | | | 34,185 | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | (25,971) | | | (23,893) | | | (19,191) | | |
| Other assets | 124,288 | | | 101,109 | | | 76,192 | | |
| Total assets | \$2,646,925 | | | \$2,342,943 | | | \$2,076,544 | | |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 159,679 | \$ 1,968 | 1.23% | \$ 108,228 | \$ 1,398 | 1.29% | \$ 87,828 | \$ 1,060 | 1.21% |
| Money market accounts | 170,090 | 4,848 | 2.85% | 107,130 | 3,836 | 3.58% | 51,448 | 1,594 | 3.10% |
| Savings deposits | 213,098 | 2,442 | 1.15% | 218,455 | 4,213 | 1.93% | 216,590 | 3,954 | 1.83% |
| Time deposits | 1,352,342 | 64,688 | 4.78% | 1,164,671 | 63,201 | 5.43% | 922,107 | 42,959 | 4.66% |
| Short-term borrowings | 20,096 | 1,056 | 5.25% | 31,009 | 2,065 | 6.66% | 19,679 | 1,080 | 5.49% |
| FHLB advances | 109,630 | 6,076 | 5.54% | 325,656 | 20,503 | 6.30% | 491,203 | 25,495 | 5.19% |
| Junior subordinated debt securities | 20,750 | 2,270 | 10.94% | 12,686 | 1,377 | 10.85% | - | - | - |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 2,045,685 | 83,348 | 4.07% | 1,967,835 | 96,593 | 4.91% | 1,788,855 | 76,142 | 4.26% |
| Noninterest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Demand deposits | 349,330 | | | 185,731 | | | 116,129 | | |
| Other liabilities | 33,165 | | | 24,953 | | | 23,712 | | |
| Stockholders' equity | 218,745 | | | 164,424 | | | 147,848 | | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$2,646,925 | | | \$2,342,943 | | | \$2,076,544 | | |
| Interest rate spread | | | 3.26% | | | 3.48% | | | 3.20% |
| Net interest income and net interest margin | | \$99,350 | 3.98% | | \$89,487 | 4.03% | | \$71,885 | 3.62% |

(1) Includes amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on investment securities and loans receivable totaling \$83 thousand, \$704 thousand and \$288 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. Also includes the amortization of deferred loan fees totaling \$1.5 million, \$2.0 million and \$2.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

(2) Average balances exclude unrealized gains or losses on available for sale securities.

(3) The yields are not presented on a tax-equivalent basis as the effects are not material.

(4) Average balances include nonperforming loans.

Analysis of Changes in Net Interest Margin

Changes in the Bank's net interest income are a function of changes in rates and volumes of both interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. The following table sets forth information regarding changes in interest income and interest expense for the years indicated. The total change for each category of interest-earning asset and interest-bearing liability is segmented into the change attributable to variations in volume (changes in volume multiplied by old rate) and the change attributable to variations in interest rates (changes in rates multiplied by old volume). Nonaccrual loans are included in average loans used to compute this table.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2001 vs. 2000 | | | 2000 vs. 1999 | | |
| | Total Change | Changes Due to Volume (1) | Rates (1) | Total Change | Changes Due to Volume (1) | Rates (1) |
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | | | |
| INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS: | | | | | | |
| Short-term investments | \$ 2,198 | \$ 2,416 | \$ (218) | \$ (1,421) | \$ (2,517) | \$ 1,096 |
| Investment securities | (9,111) | (4,884) | (4,227) | (3,038) | (6,700) | 3,662 |
| Loans receivable, net | 4,495 | 15,373 | (10,878) | 42,437 | 32,320 | 10,117 |
| FHLB stock | (964) | (697) | (267) | 75 | (126) | 201 |
| Total interest and dividend income | <u>\$ (3,382)</u> | <u>\$12,208</u> | <u>\$ (15,590)</u> | <u>\$38,053</u> | <u>\$22,977</u> | <u>\$15,076</u> |
| INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES: | | | | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 570 | \$ 631 | \$ (61) | \$ 338 | \$ 259 | \$ 79 |
| Money market accounts | 1,012 | 1,550 | (538) | 2,242 | 1,960 | 282 |
| Savings deposits | (1,771) | (101) | (1,670) | 259 | 34 | 225 |
| Time deposits | 1,487 | 5,621 | (4,134) | 20,241 | 12,446 | 7,795 |
| Short-term borrowings | (1,009) | (631) | (378) | 985 | 719 | 266 |
| FHLB advances | (14,427) | (12,222) | (2,205) | (4,991) | (13,569) | 8,578 |
| Junior subordinated debt securities | 893 | 893 | - | 1,377 | 1,377 | - |
| Total interest expense | <u>\$(13,245)</u> | <u>\$ (4,259)</u> | <u>\$ (8,986)</u> | <u>\$20,451</u> | <u>\$ 3,226</u> | <u>\$17,225</u> |
| CHANGE IN NET INTEREST INCOME | <u>\$ 9,863</u> | <u>\$16,467</u> | <u>\$ (6,604)</u> | <u>\$17,602</u> | <u>\$19,751</u> | <u>\$ (2,149)</u> |

(1) Changes in interest income/expense not arising from volume or rate variances are allocated proportionately to rate and volume.

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses amounted to \$6.2 million for 2001 compared to \$4.4 million for 2000 and \$5.4 million for 1999. Provisions for loan losses are charged to income to bring the allowance for credit losses to a level deemed appropriate by management based on the factors discussed under the "Allowance for Loan Losses" section of this report.

Noninterest income*Components of Noninterest Income*

| | <u>2001</u> | <u>2000</u> (In millions) | <u>1999</u> |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Branch fees | \$ 5.35 | \$ 4.84 | \$ 3.39 |
| Letters of credit fees and commissions | 4.32 | 4.35 | 4.11 |
| Ancillary loan fees | 4.13 | 1.85 | 2.28 |
| Net gain on sales of securities available for sale | 2.05 | 0.12 | 0.69 |
| Net gain on sales of loans | 1.09 | - | - |
| Net gain (loss) on trading securities | 0.41 | (0.02) | 1.90 |
| Net gain on disposal of fixed assets | 0.15 | - | - |
| Net gain on sale of affordable housing investments | - | 1.28 | 0.40 |
| Net gain on sale of branch | - | - | 0.68 |
| Amortization of negative intangibles | 0.26 | 0.42 | 0.41 |
| Other | 3.83 | 2.13 | 0.83 |
| Total | <u>\$21.59</u> | <u>\$14.97</u> | <u>\$14.69</u> |

Noninterest income includes revenues earned from sources other than interest income. These sources include: service charges and fees on deposit accounts, fees and commissions generated from trade finance activities and the issuance of letters of credit, ancillary fees on loans, net gains on sales of loans, investment securities available for sale and affordable housing investments, net gains on trading securities and disposals of fixed assets, and amortization of negative intangibles.

Noninterest income increased 44% to \$21.6 million during 2001 due to higher ancillary loan fees, higher branch service-related fees, higher net trading gains and net gains on sales of available for sale securities, and higher other noninterest income. Also included in noninterest income for 2001 are \$1.09 million in net gains on sales of loans and \$148 thousand in net gains from the sale of a building and associated leasehold improvements. This building previously housed a branch that has since been relocated. There were no such gains recorded in 2000.

Partially offsetting these increases to noninterest income during 2001 is the absence of gains on sales of affordable housing investments. This compares to \$1.3 million in such gains recorded during 2000. Further offsetting increases to noninterest income is a reduction in the amortization of negative intangibles to \$255 thousand during 2001, from \$415 thousand during 2000. The decrease is due to the full amortization of negative core deposit intangibles in June 2001. The Company has adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 142 effective January 1, 2002. As a consequence of adopting SFAS No. 142, the remaining balance of negative goodwill of \$1.4 million at December 31, 2001 will be recorded as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, net of related tax effects, effective January 1, 2002. The total amortization expense for negative goodwill amounted to \$94 thousand during 2001.

Branch fees, which represent revenues derived from branch operations, amounted to \$5.4 million in 2001, an 11% increase from the \$4.8 million earned in 2000. The increase in branch fees is primarily due to continued growth in revenues from analysis charges on commercial deposit accounts. Further, sustained growth in service-related fee income on transaction accounts and a rise in wire transfer fees due to increased volume resulting from the acquisition of Prime Bank in mid-January 2001 also contributed to the increase in branch fee income.

Letters of credit fees and commissions, which represent revenues from trade finance operations as well as fees related to the issuance and maintenance of standby letters of credit, decreased 1% to \$4.3 million in 2001. Revenues from the Company's trade finance activities declined 14% to \$1.8 million during 2001 primarily due to a 25% decrease in overall transaction volume which has been negatively impacted by contracted market conditions during the year. Conversely, fees related to the issuance and maintenance of standby letters of credit increased 11% to \$2.6 million primarily due to additional issuances of standby letters of credit during 2001.

Ancillary fees on loans include fees and service charges related to appraisal services, loan documentation, processing and underwriting, and secondary market-related activities. Ancillary loan fees increased 124% to \$4.1 million in 2001, compared to \$1.8 million in 2000, primarily due to intensified secondary marketing activities prompted by the current interest rate environment in 2001 which favored the origination of fixed-rate mortgages over adjustable-rate mortgages. Additionally, a significant increase in residential mortgage and commercial loan origination activity during 2001 as compared to 2000 also contributed to higher loan fees in 2001.

Residential mortgage originations in 2001, excluding whole loan purchases, increased 122% over 2000 levels, primarily due to a high volume of refinances propelled by lower interest rates. Similarly, commercial loan origination activity during 2001, excluding whole loan purchases, increased 34% over prior year levels also due to lower interest rates and also to the introduction of a new loan product that significantly streamlines the loan application process for the borrower.

Other noninterest income, which include insurance commissions and insurance-related service fees, interest earned on officer life insurance policies, branch rental income, and income from operating leases increased 80% to \$3.8 million. The increase in other noninterest income is primarily due to \$1.1 million in insurance commissions and other insurance-related service fee income in connection with the acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc. in August 2000. Comparatively in 2000, the Company recorded revenues totaling \$395 related to the activities of the Agency since its acquisition in August 2000. The Company also recorded interest income on officer life insurance policies totaling \$1.3 million in 2001, compared to \$733 thousand in 2000. At December 31, 2001, the aggregate cash surrender value of the Company's officer life insurance policies amounted to \$27.3 million compared to \$22.9 million at December 31, 2000. Further contributing to other noninterest income are revenues from leased equipment totaling \$847 thousand in 2001, compared with \$305 thousand recorded in 2000. These revenues represent income from equipment leased to third parties in connection with operating leases entered into by the Company. Gross operating leases totaled \$2.1 million and \$1.3 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Other contributions to noninterest income include \$2.0 million and \$123 thousand in net gains on sales of available for sale securities for 2001 and 2000, respectively. Net gains on trading securities totaled \$413 thousand during 2001 compared to \$16 thousand in trading securities losses during 2000.

Comparing 2000 to 1999, noninterest income increased 2% to \$15.0 million. Contributing to the increase in noninterest income in 2000 is a 218% increase in gains on sales of investments in affordable housing partnerships, a 43% increase in branch service-related fee income, a 6% increase in letters of credit fees and commissions, and a 157% increase in other noninterest income attributable primarily to insurance related fees and commissions, interest earned on officer life insurance policies, branch rental income, and income from operating leases. Partially offsetting these increases were a 19% decrease in ancillary loan fees due to a decline in secondary marketing activities and an 82% decrease in net gains on sales of available for sale securities. Included in noninterest income in 1999 are a one-time \$676 thousand gain on sale of the Irvine branch and \$1.9 million in trading securities gains. There were no such gains recorded in 2000.

Noninterest Expense

Components of Noninterest Expense

| | 2001 | 2000 (In millions) | 1999 |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Compensation and other employee benefits | \$25.13 | \$20.29 | \$18.48 |
| Net occupancy | 9.90 | 7.56 | 5.65 |
| Amortization of affordable housing investments | 3.78 | 4.08 | 2.99 |
| Amortization of positive intangibles | 3.77 | 3.32 | 1.57 |
| Data processing | 1.78 | 1.78 | 1.40 |
| Deposit insurance premiums and regulatory assessments | 0.55 | 0.46 | 0.86 |
| Other real estate owned operations, net | 0.03 | (0.17) | (0.34) |
| Other | 17.18 | 12.64 | 8.90 |
| Total | <u>\$62.12</u> | <u>\$49.96</u> | <u>\$39.51</u> |
| Efficiency Ratio (1) | <u>45%</u> | <u>41%</u> | <u>41%</u> |

(1) Excludes the amortization of intangibles and investments in affordable housing partnerships.

Noninterest expense, which is comprised primarily of compensation and employee benefits, occupancy and other operating expenses increased 24% to \$62.1 million during 2001. Compensation and employee benefits increased 24% to \$25.1 million in 2001 primarily due to the acquisition of Prime Bank in mid-January 2001 and the Company's continued investment in its operating infrastructure, predominantly in the lending area.

Occupancy expenses increased 31% to \$9.9 million during 2001 primarily reflecting the operations for the Century City, California branch location of Prime Bank which was acquired by the Company in mid-January 2001 as well as increased rent expense attributed to the Company's new Oakland and Milbrae, California

locations, which were both opened during 2001. These overhead factors were not present in 2000. Additionally, the impact of normal rent adjustments in existing leases further contributed to the rise in occupancy expenses.

The amortization of investments in affordable housing partnerships decreased 7% to \$3.8 million during 2001, compared with \$4.1 million in 2000. The decrease in amortization reflects the impact of two sale transactions totaling \$9.3 million in February 2000 and September 2000, partially offset by \$3.9 million in additional investment purchases made since year-end 2000. Total investments in affordable housing partnerships amounted to \$21.0 million as of December 31, 2001, compared to \$19.7 million as of December 31, 2000.

The amortization of positive intangibles, which include premiums on deposits acquired and excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired ("goodwill"), increased 14% to \$3.8 million during 2001, compared with \$3.3 million during 2000. The increase in the amortization of positive intangibles is primarily due to the acquisition of Prime Bank in mid-January 2001. Goodwill amounting to \$5.9 million and deposit premiums totaling \$3.9 million were recorded by the Company for this transaction which were being amortized straight line over 15 and 7 years, respectively. The Company's adoption of SFAS No. 142 has resulted in the discontinuation of the amortization of positive goodwill effective January 1, 2002. The total amortization expense for positive goodwill amounted to \$1.5 million during 2001. Positive goodwill will continue to be reviewed for impairment on an annual basis. Positive core deposit premiums will continue to be amortized based on their estimated useful lives.

Deposit insurance premiums and regulatory assessments increased 21% to \$552 thousand in 2001, compared with \$458 thousand in 2000. Although there was a decrease in the Savings Association Insurance Fund ("SAIF") annualized Financing Corporation ("FICO") average assessment rate to 1.90 basis points during 2001, compared to 2.07 basis points during 2000, deposit insurance premiums increased during 2001 as a result of the significant growth in the Bank's assessable deposit base.

Net loss related to OREO operations, which include net rental income collected from OREO properties and net gains or losses on subsequent sales, totaled \$34 thousand in 2001, compared to net income of \$174 thousand in 2000. The decrease in OREO net income during 2001 is primarily due to lower net gains on sales of OREO properties.

Other operating expenses include advertising and public relations, telephone and postage, stationery and supplies, bank and item processing charges, insurance, legal and other professional fees. Other operating expenses increased 36% to \$17.2 million in 2001, compared with \$12.6 million in 2000. The increase in other operating expenses is due primarily to the Company's continued expansion, which includes the recent acquisition of Prime Bank, as well as its continued investment in its operating infrastructure.

Comparing 2000 to 1999, noninterest expense increased \$10.5 million, or 26%, to \$50.0 million. The increase is comprised primarily of the following: (1) an increase in compensation and employee benefits of \$1.8 million, or 10%, primarily due to the acquisition of American International Bank in mid-January 2000 and the addition of several new loan officers with specialized lending experience; (2) an increase in occupancy expenses of \$1.9 million, or 34%, primarily reflecting the operations of the eight branches of American International Bank, increased expenses related to the enhancement and maintenance of the Company's computer network system, and increased depreciation from equipment under operating leases; (3) an increase in the amortization of investments in affordable housing partnerships of \$1.1 million, or 36%, due to additional investment purchases since year-end 1999, offset by sale transactions in 2000; (4) an increase in the amortization of positive intangibles of \$1.8 million, or 111%, attributable to the acquisitions of First Central Bank, American International Bank and East West Insurance Agency, Inc.; and (5) an increase in other operating expenses of \$3.7 million, or 42%, primarily due to the Company's growth, internally and through various acquisitions.

The Company's efficiency ratio, which represents noninterest expense (excluding the amortization of intangibles and investments in affordable housing partnerships) divided by the aggregate of net interest income before provision for loan losses and noninterest income (excluding the amortization of intangibles), increased to 45% in 2001, compared to 41% in 2000. The increase in efficiency ratio is primarily due to the acquisition of Prime Bank, the Company's continued investment in its operating infrastructure, and slower growth in the Bank's net interest income and margin as a result of several progressive interest rate cuts during 2001.

Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes decreased 6% to \$13.7 million in 2001, compared with \$14.6 million in 2000. Despite an increase in pretax income during 2001, the decrease in the provision for income taxes reflects a full year of state tax benefits achieved through East West Securities Company, Inc., a regulated investment company formed and funded in July 2000. The continued realization of state tax benefits through this entity is dependent on its continuing qualification as a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

In addition, past and future state tax benefits generated through this entity could be significantly affected by a proposed change to California's tax law introduced on February 21, 2002. This proposed legislation, related to registered investment companies, could negatively impact the Company's effective income tax rate in future periods. As currently drafted, the change would require retroactive application to earlier years. Management cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this proposed legislation, including whether this proposed bill will be enacted in its present form, whether the final effective date of the proposed tax law will, when passed be retroactive prior to 2000 or whether the proposed bill will be enacted at all. If enacted in its present form, and if enacted with its current effective date of application, the Company could be required to pay additional California taxes related to earlier years, which would increase the Company's tax expense in a future period unless the constitutionality of such legislation were successfully challenged. Further, absent a replacement of tax-efficient capital-raising vehicle, the Company's effective tax rate applied to current period earnings in future periods would increase. The Company's long-term plans for East West Securities Company are currently under review.

The provision for income taxes in 2001 also reflects the utilization of tax credits totaling \$4.0 million, compared to \$3.9 million utilized in 2000. The 2001 provision reflects an effective tax rate of 26.1%, compared with 29.2% for 2000.

Comparing 2000 to 1999, the provision for income taxes increased 8% to \$14.6 million, compared to \$13.6 million in 1999. The 1999 provision reflects an effective tax rate of 32.7% and tax credits from affordable housing investments of \$3.2 million.

Balance Sheet Analysis

The Company's total assets increased \$339.3 million, or 14%, to \$2.83 billion, as of December 31, 2001, relative to total assets at year-end 2000. The increase in total assets was due primarily to a \$342.9 million growth in net loans receivable and a \$150.5 million increase in short-term investments, partially offset by a decrease in investment securities available for sale of \$165.2 million. The increase in total assets was funded by increases of \$469.4 million in deposits, partially offset by decreases in short-term borrowings of \$38.0 million and FHLB advances of \$164.0 million.

Investment Securities Held for Trading

Investment securities held for trading are typically investment grade securities which are generally held by the Bank for a period of seven days or less. Net gains from trading securities totaled \$413 thousand during 2001, compared with net losses of \$16 thousand during 2000. There were no outstanding trading account securities at December 31, 2001 and 2000.

Investment Securities Available for Sale

Income from investing activities provides a significant portion of the Company's total income. Management generally maintains an investment portfolio with an adequate mix of fixed rate and adjustable rate securities with relatively short maturities to minimize overall interest rate risk. The Company's investment securities portfolio consists primarily of mutual funds invested in short-term government and corporate securities, U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. Government agency securities, mortgage-backed securities, and corporate debt and equity securities. The Company currently classifies its entire investment portfolio as available for sale. These securities are carried at their estimated fair values.

The Company has a sizeable investment in residential mortgage-backed securities, consisting of pass-through certificates issued by GNMA, FHLMC, FNMA and private issuers. As of December 31, 2001, the carrying value of mortgage-backed securities totaled \$191.3 million, or 7% of total assets. At December 31, 2001, the Bank held \$381 thousand, \$102.0 million, \$65.7 million, and \$23.3 million of mortgage-backed securities issued by GNMA, FHLMC, FNMA and private issuers, respectively. Mortgage-backed securities with a total carrying value of \$90.7 million, or 47% of the total portfolio, had adjustable interest rates at December 31, 2001. At December 31, 2001, \$107.4 million of mortgage-backed securities were pledged as collateral for public funds.

Total investment securities available for sale decreased 34% to \$323.1 million as of December 31, 2001. Investment securities with a net carrying value of \$37.0 million were acquired from Prime Bank during the first quarter of 2001, substantially all of which were sold during the same period. Total repayments and proceeds from sales of available for sale securities amounted to \$236.3 million and \$176.2 million, respectively, during 2001. Proceeds from repayments and sales were applied towards additional investment securities purchases, repayments of short-term borrowings and FHLB advances, and funding a portion of loan originations and loan purchases made during 2001. The Bank recorded net gains totaling \$2.0 million and \$123 thousand on sales of available for sale securities during 2001 and 2000, respectively.

The following table sets forth the carrying values of investment securities available for sale at December 31, 2001 and 2000:

| | At December 31, | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Mutual funds | \$ 10,714 | \$ - |
| U.S. Treasury securities | 78,112 | 8,429 |
| U.S. Government agency securities | 8,443 | 67,382 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 191,331 | 384,678 |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | - | 201 |
| Corporate securities | 34,499 | 27,600 |
| Total investment securities available for sale | <u>\$323,099</u> | <u>\$488,290</u> |

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the carrying values, weighted average yields, and contractual maturity distribution, excluding periodic principal payments, of the Bank's investment securities available for sale portfolio at December 31, 2001:

| | Within One Year | | After One but within Five Years | | After Five but within Ten Years | | After Ten Years | | Total | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | Amount | Yield | Amount | Yield | Amount | Yield | Amount | Yield | Amount | Yield |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | | | |
| Mutual funds | \$10,714 | 2.84% | \$ - | -% | \$ - | -% | \$ - | -% | \$ 10,714 | 2.84% |
| U.S. Treasury securities | 78,112 | 2.34 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 78,112 | 2.34 |
| U.S. Gov't agency securities | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8,443 | 6.45 | 8,443 | 6.45 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | - | - | 340 | 5.71 | 71,456 | 5.21 | 119,535 | 4.61 | 191,331 | 4.84 |
| Corporate securities | 7,210 | 6.35 | - | - | - | - | 27,289 | 3.49 | 34,499 | 4.09 |
| Total | <u>\$96,036</u> | 2.70% | <u>\$ 340</u> | 5.71% | <u>\$71,456</u> | 5.21% | <u>\$155,267</u> | 4.51% | <u>\$323,099</u> | 4.13% |

Loans

The Bank offers a broad range of products designed to meet the credit needs of its borrowers. The Bank's lending activities consist of residential mortgage loans, multifamily residential real estate loans, commercial real estate loans, construction loans, commercial business and trade finance loans, and consumer loans. Net loans receivable increased \$342.9 million, or 19% to \$2.13 billion at December 31, 2001. Excluding the \$43.3 million of net loans acquired from Prime Bank, loan growth during 2001 amounted to \$299.5 million, or 17% compared to year-end 2000 levels. The growth in loan volume during 2001 was funded primarily through deposit growth and through repayments and sales of investment securities available for sale.

With the exception of single family residential mortgage loan originations which were boosted by a high volume of refinances resulting from lower interest rates, the Bank experienced moderate loan demand in its other loan categories throughout 2001. The growth in loans, excluding loans acquired from Prime Bank, is comprised of increases in multifamily loans of \$53.8 million or 17%, commercial real estate loans of \$213.2 million or 33%, construction loans of \$33.8 million or 29%, commercial business loans, excluding trade finance products of \$29.3 million or 77%, automobile loans of \$6.6 million or 103%, and consumer loans, including home equity lines of credit, of \$16.6 million or 41%. Approximately 57%, or \$172.2 million, of the growth in loans can be attributed to whole loan purchases from various financial institutions. Whole loan purchases during 2001 were comprised of \$27.9 million in single family loans, \$88.7 million in multifamily loans, and \$55.5 million in commercial real estate loans.

Partially offsetting the growth in the aforementioned loan categories was a decrease in single family loans of \$25.1 million or 8% and trade finance loans of \$27.4 million or 24%. The decrease in single family loans was primarily due to portfolio loan sales of \$64.8 million and FNMA securitizations totaling \$13.3 million during 2001.

The following table sets forth the composition of the loan portfolio as of the dates indicated:

| | December 31, | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 2001 | | 2000 | | 1999 | | 1998 | | 1997 | |
| | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent |
| <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real estate loans: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential, one to four units | \$ 316,504 | 14.7% | \$ 334,775 | 18.5% | \$ 278,161 | 18.4% | \$ 270,444 | 24.2% | \$356,478 | 37.5% |
| Residential, multifamily | 377,224 | 17.5% | 323,469 | 17.8% | 311,193 | 20.6% | 167,545 | 15.0% | 144,147 | 15.2% |
| Commercial and industrial | | | | | | | | | | |
| real estate | 868,989 | 40.2% | 640,713 | 35.3% | 518,074 | 34.4% | 358,850 | 32.0% | 269,028 | 28.3% |
| Construction | 161,953 | 7.5% | 118,241 | 6.5% | 122,363 | 8.1% | 78,922 | 7.0% | 27,020 | 2.8% |
| Total real estate loans | <u>1,724,670</u> | <u>79.9%</u> | <u>1,417,198</u> | <u>78.1%</u> | <u>1,229,791</u> | <u>81.5%</u> | <u>875,761</u> | <u>78.2%</u> | <u>796,673</u> | <u>83.8%</u> |
| Other loans: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Business, commercial | 363,331 | 16.8% | 350,282 | 19.3% | 248,865 | 16.5% | 223,318 | 20.0% | 138,408 | 14.6% |
| Automobile | 13,714 | 0.6% | 6,409 | 0.4% | 5,284 | 0.4% | 4,972 | 0.4% | 5,259 | 0.6% |
| Other consumer | 58,413 | 2.7% | 40,547 | 2.2% | 23,834 | 1.6% | 15,156 | 1.4% | 9,137 | 1.0% |
| Total other loans | <u>435,458</u> | <u>20.1%</u> | <u>397,238</u> | <u>21.9%</u> | <u>277,983</u> | <u>18.5%</u> | <u>243,446</u> | <u>21.8%</u> | <u>152,804</u> | <u>16.2%</u> |
| Total gross loans | <u>2,160,128</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>1,814,436</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>1,507,774</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>1,119,207</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>949,477</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |
| Unearned fees, premiums, and discounts, net | 267 | | (600) | | (289) | | (2,122) | | (2,354) | |
| Allowance for loan losses | <u>(27,557)</u> | | <u>(23,848)</u> | | <u>(20,844)</u> | | <u>(16,506)</u> | | <u>(12,273)</u> | |
| Loans receivable, net | <u>\$2,132,838</u> | | <u>\$1,789,988</u> | | <u>\$1,486,641</u> | | <u>\$1,100,579</u> | | <u>\$934,850</u> | |

Residential Mortgage Loans. The Company offers first mortgage loans secured by one-to-four unit residential properties located in the Bank's primary lending area. At December 31, 2001, \$316.5 million or 15% of the loan portfolio was secured by one-to-four family residential real estate mortgages, compared to \$334.8 million or 19% at December 31, 2000. During 2001, the Bank's secondary marketing activities were benefited by the declining interest rate environment which favored the origination of fixed rate loans over adjustable rate loans. Substantially all new fixed-rate single family residential loans originated in 2001 were sold into the secondary market. In a rising interest rate environment, the Bank anticipates a contraction in its secondary marketing activities.

Multifamily and Commercial Real Estate Loans. The Bank continues to place emphasis in the origination of multifamily and commercial real estate loans. Although real estate lending activities are collateralized by real property, these transactions are subject to similar credit evaluation, underwriting and monitoring standards as those applied to commercial business loans. Multifamily and commercial real estate loans accounted for \$377.2 million or 17% and \$869.0 million or 40%, respectively, of the Bank's loan portfolio at December 31, 2001. At year-end 2000, multifamily and commercial real estate loans amounted to \$323.5 million or 18% and \$640.7 million or 35%, respectively.

Construction Loans. The Bank offers loans to finance the construction of income-producing or owner-occupied buildings. The Bank limits its exposure in construction loans to no more than 25% of total loans. At December 31, 2001, construction loans accounted for \$162.0 million or 8% of the Bank's loan portfolio. This compares with \$118.2 million or 7% of the loan portfolio at December 31, 2000.

Commercial Business Loans. The Bank finances small and middle-market businesses in a wide spectrum of industries throughout California. The Bank offers commercial loans for working capital, accounts receivable and inventory lines. At December 31, 2001, commercial business loans accounted for \$276.6 million or 13% of the Bank's loan portfolio compared to \$236.1 million or 13% at December 31, 2000.

Trade Finance. The Bank offers a variety of international finance and trade services and products, including letters of credit, revolving lines of credit, import loans, bankers' acceptances, working capital lines, domestic purchase financing, and pre-export financing. A substantial portion of this business involves California-based customers engaged in import activities.

At December 31, 2001, loans to finance international trade totaled \$86.8 million or 4% of the Bank's loan portfolio. Of this amount, almost all loans were made to borrowers on the import side of international trade. At December 31, 2000, such loans amounted to \$114.2 million or 6% of the Bank's loan portfolio. These financings are generally made through letters of credit ranging from \$100 thousand to \$1 million. All trade finance transactions are U.S. dollar denominated.

Affordable Housing. The Bank is engaged in a variety of lending and credit enhancement programs to finance the development of affordable housing projects, which generally are eligible for federal low income housing tax credits. As of December 31, 2001, the Bank had outstanding \$202.6 million of letters of credit, which were issued to enhance the ratings of revenue bonds used to finance affordable housing projects. This compares to \$162.6 million as of year-end 2000. Credit facilities for individual projects generally range in size from \$1 million to \$10 million.

Contractual Maturity of Loan Portfolio. The following table presents the maturity schedule of the Bank's loan portfolio at December 31, 2001. All loans are shown maturing based upon contractual maturities, and include scheduled repayments but not potential prepayments. Demand loans, loans having no stated schedule of repayments and no stated maturity, and overdrafts are reported as due within one year. Loan balances have not been reduced for undisbursed loan proceeds, unearned discounts, and the allowance for loan losses. Nonaccrual loans of \$3.7 million are included in the within one year category.

| | <u>Within One Year</u> | <u>After One but within Five Years</u> | <u>More than Five Years</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | |
| Residential, one to four units | \$ 15,852 | \$ 35,773 | \$264,879 | \$ 316,504 |
| Residential, multifamily | 14,075 | 87,400 | 275,749 | 377,224 |
| Commercial and industrial real estate | 136,047 | 525,557 | 207,385 | 868,989 |
| Construction | 117,088 | 44,310 | 555 | 161,953 |
| Business, commercial | 270,990 | 74,880 | 17,461 | 363,331 |
| Other consumer | 14,109 | 13,300 | 44,718 | 72,127 |
| Total | <u>\$ 568,161</u> | <u>\$781,220</u> | <u>\$810,747</u> | <u>\$2,160,128</u> |

As of December 31, 2001, excluding nonaccrual loans, outstanding loans scheduled to be repriced within one year, after one but within five years, and in more than five years, are as follows:

| | <u>Within One Year</u> | <u>After One but within Five Years</u> | <u>More than Five Years</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | |
| Total fixed rate | \$ 159,948 | \$288,773 | \$ 31,925 | \$ 480,646 |
| Total variable rate | <u>1,516,743</u> | <u>159,661</u> | <u>3,078</u> | <u>1,679,482</u> |
| Total | <u>\$1,676,691</u> | <u>\$448,434</u> | <u>\$ 35,003</u> | <u>\$2,160,128</u> |

Nonperforming Assets

Loans are continually monitored by management and the Board of Directors. The Bank's policy is to place a loan on nonaccrual status if either (i) principal or interest payments are past due in excess of 90 days; or (ii) the full collection of principal or interest becomes uncertain, regardless of the length of past due status. When a loan reaches nonaccrual status, any interest accrued on the loan is reversed and charged against current income. In general, subsequent payments received are applied to the outstanding principal balance of the loan. Nonaccrual loans that demonstrate a satisfactory payment trend for several months are returned to full accrual status subject to management's assessment of the full collectibility of the account.

Nonperforming assets are comprised of nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 days or more but not on nonaccrual, restructured loans and other real estate owned, net. Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets were 0.20% and 0.30% at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively. Nonaccrual loans, which include loans 90 days or more past due, totaled \$3.7 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000. Comparing year-end 2001 to year-end 2000, loans totaling \$3.5 million were placed on nonaccrual status. These additions to nonaccrual loans were offset by \$1.1 million in gross chargeoffs, \$1.8 million in payoffs and principal paydowns and \$675 thousand in loans that were brought current. Additions to nonaccrual loans during 2001 were comprised of \$1.5 million in single family loans, \$774 thousand in commercial business loans, a \$788 thousand trade finance loan, \$424 thousand in finance leases, and a \$30 thousand home equity loan.

Restructured loans and loans that have had their original terms modified totaled \$2.1 million at December 31, 2001, compared with \$3.0 million at year-end 2000. The decrease in restructured loans is due to \$31 thousand in chargeoffs and \$836 thousand in payoffs and principal payments received during 2001. The decrease was offset by the addition of one commercial business loan amounting to \$14 thousand during 2001.

Other real estate owned ("OREO") includes properties acquired through foreclosure or through full or partial satisfaction of loans. Other real estate owned totaled \$801 thousand at December 31, 2000. The Bank had no OREO properties at December 31, 2001. There were no additions to OREO during 2001. Two single family residential OREO properties were sold during 2001 for a combined gain of \$20 thousand.

The following table sets forth information regarding nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 days or more but not on nonaccrual, restructured loans and other real estate owned as of the dates indicated:

| | December 31, | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 |
| | | | <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i> | | |
| Nonaccrual loans | \$3,658 | \$3,652 | \$10,933 | \$9,762 | \$8,490 |
| Loans past due 90 days or more but not on nonaccrual | - | - | - | 129 | 2,403 |
| Total nonperforming loans | <u>3,658</u> | <u>3,652</u> | <u>10,933</u> | <u>9,891</u> | <u>10,893</u> |
| Restructured loans | 2,119 | 2,972 | 4,700 | 5,936 | 7,487 |
| Other real estate owned, net | - | 801 | 577 | 4,600 | 3,217 |
| Total nonperforming assets | <u>\$5,777</u> | <u>\$7,425</u> | <u>\$16,210</u> | <u>\$20,427</u> | <u>\$21,597</u> |
| Total nonperforming assets to total assets | 0.20% | 0.30% | 0.75% | 0.99% | 1.25% |
| Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans | 753.34% | 653.01% | 190.65% | 166.88% | 112.67% |
| Nonperforming loans to total gross loans | 0.17% | 0.20% | 0.73% | 0.88% | 1.15% |

The Company evaluates impairment of loans according to the provisions of SFAS No. 114, *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*, as amended. Under SFAS No. 114, loans are considered impaired when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement, including scheduled interest payments. Impaired loans are measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, as an expedient, at the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent, less costs to sell.

At December 31, 2001, the Company had classified \$7.3 million of its loans as impaired, compared with \$12.4 million at December 31, 2000. Specific reserves on impaired loans totaled \$1.1 million at December 31, 2001 and \$1.3 million at December 31, 2000. The Bank's average recorded investments in impaired loans during 2001 and 2000 were \$10.1 million and \$12.9 million, respectively. During 2001 and 2000, gross interest income that would have been recorded on impaired loans, had they performed in accordance with their original terms, totaled \$1.1 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. Of this amount, actual interest recognized on impaired loans, on a cash basis, was \$808 thousand and \$1.1 million, respectively.

Allowance for Loan Losses

Management of the Bank is committed to maintaining the allowance for loan losses at a level that is considered to be commensurate with estimated and known risks in the portfolio. Although the adequacy of the allowance is reviewed quarterly, management performs an ongoing assessment of the risks inherent in the portfolio. While management believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate at December 31, 2001, future additions to the allowance will be subject to a continuing evaluation of estimated and known, as well as inherent, risks in the loan portfolio.

The allowance for loan losses is increased by the provision for loan losses which is charged against current period operating results, and is decreased by the amount of net chargeoffs during the year. At December 31, 2001, the allowance for loan losses amounted to \$27.6 million, or 1.28% of total loans, compared with \$23.8 million, or 1.31% of total loans, at December 31, 2000. The \$3.7 million increase in the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2001, from year-end 2000, results from \$1.6 million in allowance for losses acquired from Prime Bank, \$6.2 million in additional loss provisions, and \$4.1 million in net chargeoffs recorded during the year.

The provision for loan losses of \$6.2 million recorded in 2001 represents a 41% increase from the \$4.4 million in loss provisions recorded during 2000. Net chargeoffs amounting to \$4.1 million represent 0.21% of average loans outstanding during 2001. This compares to net chargeoffs of \$3.7 million, or 0.22% of average loans outstanding, during 2000. The Bank continues to record loss provisions to compensate for both the continued growth of the Bank's loan portfolio, which grew 19% during 2001, and the continued change in the composition of the overall loan portfolio, reflecting a steady shift toward commercial real estate and commercial business loans. At December 31, 2001, the combined volume of commercial real estate and commercial business loans represented approximately 57% of the total loan portfolio, compared to 55% at December 31, 2000 and 51% at December 31, 1999.

The following table summarizes activity in the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated:

| | At or for the Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 |
| | | | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Allowance balance, beginning of year | \$ 23,848 | \$ 20,844 | \$ 16,506 | \$ 12,273 | \$ 10,084 |
| Allowance from acquisition | 1,550 | 2,256 | 1,150 | - | - |
| Provision for loan losses | 6,217 | 4,400 | 5,439 | 5,356 | 5,588 |
| Charge-offs: | | | | | |
| 1-4 family residential real estate | - | 46 | 26 | 196 | 469 |
| Multifamily real estate | - | - | 44 | 588 | 1,595 |
| Commercial and industrial real estate | - | 3 | - | 60 | 1,079 |
| Business, commercial | 5,920 | 4,511 | 2,786 | 1,689 | 986 |
| Automobile | 8 | 32 | 19 | 130 | 5 |
| Other | - | - | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Total charge-offs | 5,928 | 4,592 | 2,877 | 2,666 | 4,136 |
| Recoveries: | | | | | |
| 1-4 family residential real estate | 77 | 227 | 17 | 172 | 12 |
| Multifamily real estate | 1,296 | 9 | 207 | 1 | 275 |
| Commercial and industrial real estate | 60 | 7 | 29 | 845 | 385 |
| Business, commercial | 435 | 660 | 358 | 480 | 41 |
| Automobile | 2 | 34 | 14 | 45 | 19 |
| Other | - | 3 | 1 | - | 5 |
| Total recoveries | 1,870 | 940 | 626 | 1,543 | 737 |
| Net charge-offs | 4,058 | 3,652 | 2,251 | 1,123 | 3,399 |
| Allowance balance, end of year | \$ 27,557 | \$ 23,848 | \$20,844 | \$ 16,506 | \$ 12,273 |
| Average loans outstanding | \$1,974,857 | \$1,670,981 | \$1,306,306 | \$1,004,477 | \$915,202 |
| Total gross loans outstanding, end of year | \$2,160,128 | \$1,814,436 | \$1,507,774 | \$1,119,207 | \$949,477 |
| Net charge-offs to average loans | 0.21% | 0.22% | 0.17% | 0.11% | 0.37% |
| Allowance for loan losses to total gross loans at end of year | 1.28% | 1.31% | 1.38% | 1.47% | 1.29% |

The Bank's total allowance for loan losses is comprised of two components—allocated and unallocated. The Bank utilizes several methodologies to determine the allocated portion of the allowance and to test overall adequacy. The two primary methodologies, the classification migration model and the individual loan review analysis methodology, provide the basis for determining allocations between the various loan categories as well as the overall adequacy of the allowance. These methodologies are augmented by ancillary analyses, which include historical loss analyses, peer group comparisons, and analyses based on the federal regulatory interagency policy for loan and lease losses.

The following table reflects management's allocation of the allowance for loan losses by loan category and the ratio of each loan category to total loans as of the dates indicated:

| | At December 31, | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | 2001 | | 2000 | | 1999 | | 1998 | | 1997 | |
| | Amount | % | Amount | % | Amount | % | Amount | % | Amount | % |
| | <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-4 family residential real estate | \$ 184 | 14.7% | \$ 142 | 18.5% | \$ 345 | 18.4% | \$ 500 | 24.2% | \$ 894 | 37.5% |
| Multifamily real estate | 1,914 | 17.5% | 1,768 | 17.8% | 2,735 | 20.6% | 2,435 | 15.0% | 3,022 | 15.2% |
| Commercial and industrial real estate | 8,221 | 40.2% | 4,472 | 35.3% | 3,110 | 34.4% | 1,373 | 32.0% | 1,059 | 28.3% |
| Construction | 3,024 | 7.5% | 2,370 | 6.5% | 2,597 | 8.1% | 2,339 | 7.0% | 404 | 2.8% |
| Business, commercial | 10,248 | 16.8% | 10,461 | 19.3% | 9,244 | 16.5% | 7,679 | 20.0% | 5,249 | 14.6% |
| Automobile | 39 | 0.6% | 23 | 0.4% | 30 | 0.4% | 45 | 0.4% | 33 | 0.6% |
| Consumer and other | 8 | 2.7% | 21 | 2.2% | 9 | 1.6% | 22 | 1.4% | 32 | 1.0% |
| Other risks | 3,919 | - | 4,591 | - | 2,774 | - | 2,113 | - | 1,580 | - |
| Total | <u>\$27,557</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$23,848</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$20,844</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$16,506</u> | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$12,273</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |

Allocated reserves on multifamily loans increased \$146 thousand, or 8%, to \$1.9 million at December 31, 2001 primarily due to a 17% increase in the volume of multifamily loans from year-end 2000 levels. The increase in loan volume was partially offset by a decrease in criticized (i.e. rated "special mention") loans relative to December 31, 2000. Multifamily loans rated special mention totaled \$729 thousand at December 31, 2001, compared to \$4.8 million at December 31, 2000.

Allocated reserves on commercial real estate loans increased \$3.7 million, or 84%, to \$8.2 million for two main reasons: (1) a 36% increase in the volume of commercial real estate loans at December 31, 2001, in comparison to year-end 2000 levels and (2) a 3% concentration risk allocation, totaling \$3.4 million, established against \$111.8 million in outstanding commercial real estate loans secured by hotels and motels primarily within California and Las Vegas, Nevada. The impact of the September 11th tragedy, combined with the weakening economy, has had a negative impact on the travel and tourism industry. More specifically, occupancy rates for hotels and motels have declined dramatically from the same period last year. While the ultimate impact of the September 11th tragedy on the Bank's hotel/motel loan portfolio cannot be fully quantified at this time, management has deemed it appropriate to establish an industry-specific allocation for this probable credit risk. The Bank will continue to monitor and adjust this allocation as financial information is obtained on these loans to determine the actual negative effect of the September 11th incident on the underlying properties' cash flows. Partially offsetting the impact of volume growth and the 3% concentration risk allocation is a decrease in criticized and classified (i.e. rated "substandard" or "doubtful") loans relative to December 31, 2000. Commercial real estate loans rated special mention totaled \$5.9 million at December 31, 2001, compared to \$8.9 million at December 31, 2000, while substandard commercial real estate loans decreased to \$1.2 million at December 31, 2001, compared to \$2.9 million at December 31, 2000.

Allocated reserves on construction loans increased \$654 thousand, or 28%, to \$3.0 million at December 31, 2001 primarily due to a 3% concentration risk allocation, totaling \$891 thousand, set aside for \$29.7 million in outstanding construction loans secured by hotels and motels. As mentioned previously, management will continue to monitor and adjust this industry concentration risk allocation as financial information is obtained from these borrowers. Partially offsetting this special allocation is a decrease in criticized loans at December 31, 2001 relative to December 31, 2000. Construction loans rated special mention totaled \$7.2 million at December 31, 2000. There were no criticized or classified construction loans at December 31, 2001.

Allocated reserves on commercial business loans decreased \$213 thousand, or 2%, to \$10.2 million at December 31, 2001 primarily due to a decrease in criticized loans, partially offset by an increase in classified loans, relative to December 31, 2000. Commercial business loans rated special mention totaled \$4.1 million at December 31, 2001 compared to \$41.3 million at December 31, 2000. On the other hand, commercial business loans rated substandard and doubtful totaled \$13.9 million at December 31, 2001, compared to \$9.0 million at December 31, 2000.

The allowance for loan losses of \$27.6 million at December 31, 2001 exceeded the Bank's allocated allowance by \$3.9 million, or 14% of the total allowance. This compares to an unallocated allowance of \$4.6 million, or 19%, as of December 31, 2000. The \$3.9 million unallocated allowance at December 31, 2001 is comprised of three elements. First, the Bank has set aside \$244 thousand for foreign transaction risk associated with credit lines totaling \$82.7 million extended to financial institutions in foreign countries. Loss factors, ranging from 0.1% to 5.0% of the total credit facility, are multiplied by anticipated usage volumes to determine the loss exposure on this type of credit offering. These loss factors are internally determined based on the sovereign risk ratings of the various countries which range from BBB+ to AAA. The total amount of the allowance set aside for foreign transaction risk associated with such credit lines totaled \$1.4 million for December 31, 2000. The decrease in this element as of December 31, 2001 reflects the Bank's more refined calculation of the allowance with respect to loan commitments and foreign credit facilities. The second element, which accounts for approximately \$1.2 million of the unallocated allowance, represents a 5% economic risk factor to compensate for the slowing of the national economy, as evidenced by rising unemployment rates and energy costs, eroding consumer confidence, and substantial shortfalls in sales and earnings. Management of the Bank has deemed it prudent to set aside a portion of the unallocated allowance to compensate for this current economic risk. The third and final element, which accounts for approximately \$2.4 million, or approximately 10% of the allocated allowance amount of \$23.6 million at December 31, 2001, was established to compensate for the modeling risk associated with the classification migration and individual loan review analysis methodologies.

Deposits

The Bank offers a wide variety of retail deposit account products to both consumer and commercial deposit customers. Time deposits, consisting primarily of retail fixed-rate certificates of deposit, comprised 54% and 67% of the deposit portfolio at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively. Non-time deposits, which include noninterest bearing demand accounts, interest-bearing checking accounts, savings deposits and money market accounts, accounted for the remaining 46% and 33% of the deposit portfolio at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Deposits increased \$469.4 million, or 24%, to \$2.42 billion at December 31, 2001. The increase in deposits reflects \$98.1 million in deposits acquired from Prime Bank in January 2001. Excluding this transaction, internal deposit growth amounted to \$371.3 million, or 19%, over December 31, 2000. This internal deposit growth was comprised primarily of increases in non-interest bearing demand accounts of \$260.3 million, or 129%, interest-bearing checking accounts of \$81.8 million, or 74%, money market accounts of \$20.2 million, or 17% and savings deposits of \$7.3 million, or 3%. The increases can be attributed to continued momentum from various promotions associated with the Chinese New Year holiday, as well as carryover benefits from the Prime Bank acquisition.

Included in time deposits at December 31, 2001 are \$41.3 million of brokered deposits, compared with \$154.5 million as of December 31, 2000. The decrease of \$113.2 million reflects the replacement of brokered deposits with the increasing volume of commercial and retail deposit accounts. Although the Company occasionally promotes certain time deposit products, its efforts are largely concentrated in increasing the volume of low-cost transaction accounts which generate higher fee income and are a less costly source of funds in comparison to time deposits.

Public deposits increased 24% to \$151.6 million as of December 31, 2001, compared with \$122.3 million at year-end 2000. The balance of public funds at December 31, 2001 is comprised almost entirely of deposits from the State of California. Notwithstanding the increases in public deposits during 2001, the Bank's principal market strategy continues to be based on its reputation as a community bank that provides quality products and personal customer service.

Time deposits greater than \$100 thousand totaled \$712.3 million, accounting for 29% of the deposit portfolio at December 31, 2001. These accounts, consisting primarily of deposits by consumers and public funds, had a weighted average interest rate of 3.19% at December 31, 2001. The following table provides the remaining maturities at December 31, 2001 of time deposits greater than \$100 thousand (in thousands):

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 3 months or less | \$369,845 |
| Over 3 months through 6 months | 194,126 |
| Over 6 months through 12 months | 119,093 |
| Over 12 months | 29,230 |
| Total | <u>\$712,294</u> |

Borrowings

The Bank regularly uses short-term borrowings and FHLB advances to manage its liquidity position. Short-term borrowings consist of federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase. There were no outstanding short-term borrowings at December 31, 2001. This compares to \$38.0 million in short-term borrowings at December 31, 2000. The decrease in short-term borrowings during 2001 was primarily due to the growth in core deposits.

FHLB advances decreased 61% to \$104.0 million as of December 31, 2001, a decrease of \$164.0 million from December 31, 2000. The decrease in FHLB advances resulted primarily from the application of sales proceeds on investment securities and loans receivable to partially pay down outstanding advances. The growth in core deposits, cash acquired from Prime Bank and runoffs on investment securities available for sale further contributed to the decrease in FHLB advances during 2001. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, FHLB advances had a weighted average interest rate of 3.22% and 6.49%, respectively. Only \$34.0 million, or 33% of outstanding FHLB advances at December 31, 2001, had remaining maturities greater than one year.

Capital Resources

The primary source of capital for the Company is the retention of net after tax earnings. At December 31, 2001, stockholders' equity totaled \$244.4 million, a 31% increase from \$186.1 million as of December 31, 2000. The increase is due primarily to: (1) net income of \$38.8 million during 2001; (2) net issuance of common stock totaling \$3.3 million, representing 328,610 shares, from the exercise of stock options and stock warrants; (3) net issuance of common stock totaling \$682 thousand, or 42,012 shares, in connection with the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Program; (4) net issuance of common stock totaling \$12.3 million, representing 512,707 shares, in connection with the acquisition of Prime Bank; (5) issuance of unregistered restricted common stock totaling \$7.0 million, representing 400,000 shares, in connection with the Company's recent in-store banking agreement with 99 Ranch Market; (6) issuance of warrants totaling \$2.7 million, representing 300,000 shares, also in connection with the Company's in-store banking agreement with 99 Ranch Market; (7) release from escrow of 13,147 shares totaling \$638 thousand as stipulated in the earn-out agreement related to the acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc.; (8) stock compensation costs amounting to \$369 thousand related to the Company's Restricted Stock Award Program; (9) tax benefits of \$1.3 million resulting from the exercise of nonqualified stock options; and (10) a decrease of \$6.9 million in unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities. These transactions were offset by (1) repurchases of \$12.9 million or 567,640 shares of common stock in connection with the Company's stock repurchase programs, and to a much lesser degree, from forfeitures of restricted stock awards; and (2) payment of regular quarterly cash dividends totaling \$2.8 million.

Management is committed to maintaining capital at a level sufficient to assure shareholders, customers and regulators that the Company and its bank subsidiary are financially sound. The Company and its bank subsidiary are subject to risk-based capital regulations adopted by the federal banking regulators in January 1990. These guidelines are used to evaluate capital adequacy and are based on an institution's asset risk profile and off-balance sheet exposures. According to the regulations, institutions whose Tier 1 and total capital ratios meet or exceed 6% and 10%, respectively, are deemed to be "well-capitalized." At December 31, 2001, the Bank's Tier 1 and total capital ratios were 9.8% and 11.0%, respectively, compared to 9.5% and 10.7%, respectively, at December 31, 2000.

The following table compares the Company's and the Bank's actual capital ratios at December 31, 2001, to those required by regulatory agencies for capital adequacy and well-capitalized classification purposes:

| | East West Bancorp | East West Bank | Minimum Regulatory Requirements | Well Capitalized Requirements |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | 11.2% | 11.0% | 8.0% | 10.0% |
| Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | 10.1% | 9.8% | 4.0% | 6.0% |
| Tier 1 Capital (to Average Assets) | 8.5% | 8.2% | 4.0% | 5.0% |

On August 30, 2001, the Company entered into a ten-year agreement with 99 Ranch Market to provide in-store retail banking services to their stores throughout California. 99 Ranch is the largest Asian-focused chain of supermarkets on the West Coast, with twenty full service stores in California, one in Seattle, and affiliated licensee stores in Hawaii, Nevada, Georgia and Arizona. In conjunction with this agreement, the Company has issued 300,000 warrants to senior executives of 99 Ranch Market to purchase common stock of the Company at a price of \$26.67 per share. These warrants will vest over six years and are intended to provide direct benefit to 99 Ranch executives that make a significant contribution to the success of the in-store banking operations. The estimated total fair value of the issued warrants was \$2.7 million. Management does not anticipate a material increase in overhead expenses or capital investments as a result of this agreement with 99 Ranch Market.

In order to further align the interests of both parties, senior executives of 99 Ranch Market have also made a significant investment in the Company, including the purchase of 400,000 newly issued shares of East West Bancorp, Inc. common stock totaling \$7.9 million. The shares were sold for cash at a price of \$19.71 per share. No underwriting discounts or commissions were paid in connection with this transaction. The proceeds from the sale of the shares will be used for working capital and the repurchase of shares. The shares are restricted and unregistered, and will become registered two years from the transaction date of August 30, 2001. Upon the two-year anniversary, 40% of the shares will become available for sale. After each of the next three anniversaries, 20% of the total shares will become available for sale. All shares can be freely traded on the fifth year anniversary. The total estimated fair value of the purchased shares is \$6.9 million.

ASSET LIABILITY AND MARKET RISK MANAGEMENT

Liquidity

Liquidity management involves the Bank's ability to meet cash flow requirements arising from fluctuations in deposit levels and demands of daily operations, which include funding of securities purchases, providing for customers' credit needs and ongoing repayment of borrowings. The Bank's liquidity is actively managed on a daily basis and reviewed periodically by the Asset/Liability Committee and the Board of Directors. This process is intended to ensure the maintenance of sufficient funds to meet the needs of the Bank, including adequate cash flow for off-balance sheet instruments.

The Bank's primary sources of liquidity are derived from financing activities which include the acceptance of customer and broker deposits, federal funds facilities, repurchase agreement facilities and advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. These funding sources are augmented by payments of principal and interest on loans, the routine liquidation of securities from the available-for-sale portfolio and securitizations of eligible loans. Primary uses of funds include withdrawal of and interest payments on deposits, originations and purchases of loans, purchases of investment securities, and payment of operating expenses.

During the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, the Company experienced net cash inflows of \$67.6 million and \$21.4 million, respectively, from operating activities. Net cash inflows from operating activities during 2001 and 2000 were primarily due to net income earned during the year. Moreover, proceeds from the sale of securitized loans also contributed to operating cash inflows in 2001. There were no sales of securitized loans during 2000. Net cash outflows from investing activities totaled \$71.9 million and \$114.9 million during 2001 and 2000, respectively. Net cash outflows from investing activities for both periods can be attributed primarily to the growth in the Bank's loan portfolio and purchases of available for sale securities. These activities were partially offset by net proceeds from the sale and repayments of investment securities available for sale and proceeds from the sale of loans receivable. Cash acquired through the purchase of Prime Bank in January 2001 also contributed to cash from investing activities during 2001. The Company experienced net cash inflows from financing activities of \$165.6 million during 2001 primarily due to the growth in deposits partially offset by repayments of FHLB advances and short-term borrowings. During 2000, the growth in deposits and short-term borrowings, partially offset by repayments on FHLB advances, largely accounted for net cash inflows from financing activities of \$113.0 million.

As a means of augmenting its liquidity, the Bank has established federal funds lines with four correspondent banks and several master repurchase agreements with major brokerage companies. At December 31, 2001, the Bank's available borrowing capacity includes approximately \$39.4 million in repurchase arrangements, \$92.0 million in federal funds line facilities, and \$169.5 million in unused FHLB advances. Management believes its liquidity sources to be stable and adequate. At December 31, 2001, management was not aware of any information that was reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Bank's liquidity position.

The liquidity of the parent company, East West Bancorp, Inc. is primarily dependent on the payment of cash dividends by its subsidiary, East West Bank, subject to limitations imposed by the Financial Code of the State of California. For the year ended December 31, 2001, total dividends paid by the Bank to East West Bancorp, Inc. totaled \$6.8 million, compared with \$9.6 million during 2000. As of December 31, 2001, approximately \$72.6 million of undivided profits of the Bank were available for dividends to the Company.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Management

The Bank's success is largely dependent upon its ability to manage interest rate risk, which is the impact of adverse fluctuations in interest rates on the Bank's net interest income and net portfolio value. Although in the normal course of business the Bank manages other risks, such as credit and liquidity risk, management considers interest rate risk to be its most significant market risk and could potentially have the largest material effect on the Bank's financial condition and results of operations.

The fundamental objective of the asset liability management process is to manage the Bank's exposure to interest rate fluctuations while maintaining adequate levels of liquidity and capital. The Bank's strategy is formulated by the Asset/Liability Committee, which coordinates with the Board of Directors to monitor the Bank's overall asset and liability composition. The Committee meets regularly to evaluate, among other things, the sensitivity of the Bank's assets and liabilities to interest rate changes, the book and market values of assets and liabilities, unrealized gains and losses on its available-for-sale portfolio (including those attributable to hedging transactions), purchase and securitization activity, and maturities of investments and borrowings.

The Bank's overall strategy is to minimize the adverse impact of immediate incremental changes in market interest rates (rate shock) on net interest income and net portfolio value. Net portfolio value is defined as the present value of assets, minus the present value of liabilities and off-balance sheet instruments. The attainment of this goal requires a balance between profitability, liquidity and interest rate risk exposure. To minimize the adverse impact of changes in market interest rates, the Bank simulates the effect of instantaneous interest rate changes on net interest income and net portfolio value on a monthly basis. The table below shows the estimated impact of changes in interest rates on net interest income and market value of equity as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, assuming a parallel shift of 100 to 200 basis points in both directions:

| Change in Interest Rates (Basis Points) | Net Interest Income Volatility (1) | | Net Portfolio Value Volatility (2) | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | December 31, | December 31, | December 31, | December 31, |
| | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 |
| +200 | 13.1 % | 7.4 % | (0.5)% | (10.7)% |
| +100 | 7.7 % | 4.6 % | 1.0 % | (5.0)% |
| -100 | (6.9)% | (4.6)% | (2.1)% | 2.1 % |
| -200 | (13.2)% | (9.2)% | (5.4)% | (0.8)% |

(1) The percentage change represents net interest income for twelve months in a stable interest rate environment versus net interest income in the various rate scenarios.

(2) The percentage change represents net portfolio value of the Bank in a stable rate environment versus net portfolio value in the various rate scenarios.

All interest-earning assets, interest-bearing liabilities and related derivative contracts are included in the interest rate sensitivity analysis at December 31, 2001 and 2000. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, the Bank's estimated changes in net interest income and net portfolio value were within the ranges established by the Board of Directors.

The primary analytical tool used by the Bank to gauge interest rate sensitivity is a simulation model used by many major banks and bank regulators, and is based on the actual maturity and repricing characteristics of interest-rate sensitive assets and liabilities. The model attempts to predict changes in the yields earned on assets and the rates paid on liabilities in relation to changes in market interest rates. As an enhancement to the primary simulation model, prepayment assumptions and market rates of interest provided by independent broker/dealer quotations, an independent pricing model and other available public sources are incorporated into the model. Adjustments are made to reflect the shift in the Treasury and other appropriate yield curves. The model also factors in projections of anticipated activity levels by Bank product line and takes into account the Bank's increased ability to control rates offered on deposit products in comparison to its ability to control rates on adjustable-rate loans tied to published indices.

The following tables provide the outstanding principal balances and the weighted average interest rates of the Bank's non-derivative financial instruments as of December 31, 2001. Historically, the balances of these financial instruments have remained fairly constant over various economic conditions. The information presented below is based on the repricing date for variable rate instruments and the expected maturity date for fixed rate instruments.

| | Expected Maturity or Repricing Date by Year | | | | | | Fair Value at | |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | After 2006 | Total | December 31, 2001 |
| <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Short-term investments | \$ 155,000 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 155,000 | \$ 155,000 |
| Weighted average rate | 1.59% | --% | --% | --% | --% | --% | 1.59% | |
| Investment securities available- for-sale (fixed rate) | \$ 97,183 | \$ 10,578 | \$ 9,582 | \$ 8,677 | \$ 7,855 | \$59,731 | \$ 193,606 | \$ 194,393 |
| Weighted average rate | 3.07% | 6.02% | 6.02% | 6.02% | 6.02% | 6.02% | 4.54% | |
| Investment securities available- for-sale (variable rate) | \$ 130,051 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 130,051 | \$ 128,706 |
| Weighted average rate | 3.64% | --% | --% | --% | --% | --% | 3.64% | |
| Total gross loans | \$1,682,620 | \$191,126 | \$116,320 | \$50,466 | \$85,267 | \$34,329 | \$2,160,128 | \$2,177,475 |
| Weighted average rate | 6.23% | 7.95% | 7.61% | 7.84% | 7.70% | 7.98% | 6.57% | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 196,469 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 196,469 | \$ 196,469 |
| Weighted average rate | 0.73% | --% | --% | --% | --% | --% | 0.73% | |
| Money market accounts | \$ 163,831 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 163,831 | \$ 163,831 |
| Weighted average rate | 1.57% | --% | --% | --% | --% | --% | 1.57% | |
| Savings deposits | \$ 220,436 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 220,436 | \$ 220,436 |
| Weighted average rate | 0.46% | --% | --% | --% | --% | --% | 0.46% | |
| Time deposits | \$1,250,787 | \$ 48,383 | \$ 3,440 | \$ 2,406 | \$ 2,837 | \$ 20 | \$1,307,873 | \$1,311,650 |
| Weighted average rate | 3.21% | 3.58% | 4.79% | 6.08% | 4.82% | 4.33% | 3.24% | |
| FHLB advances | \$ 70,000 | \$ 14,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 104,000 | \$ 106,734 |
| Weighted average rate | 2.46% | 5.94% | 5.11% | --% | --% | --% | 3.44% | |
| Junior subordinated debt securities | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$20,750 | \$ 20,750 | \$ 23,434 |
| Weighted average rate | --% | --% | --% | --% | --% | 10.91% | 10.91% | |

Expected maturities of assets are contractual maturities adjusted for projected payment based on contractual amortization and unscheduled prepayments of principal as well as repricing frequency. Expected maturities for deposits are based on contractual maturities adjusted for projected rollover rates and changes in pricing for deposits with no stated maturity dates. The Bank utilizes assumptions supported by documented analyses for the expected maturities of its loans and repricing of its deposits. It also relies on third party data providers for prepayment projections for amortizing securities. The actual maturities of these instruments could vary significantly if future prepayments and repricing differ from the Bank's expectations based on historical experience.

The fair values of short-term investments approximate their book values due to their short maturities. The fair values of available for sale securities are based on bid quotations from third party data providers. The fair values of loans are estimated for portfolios with similar financial characteristics and takes into consideration discounted cash flows based on expected maturities or repricing dates utilizing estimated market discount rates as projected by third party data providers.

Transaction deposit accounts, which include checking, money market and savings accounts, are presumed to have equal book and fair values because the interest rates paid on these accounts are based on prevailing market rates. The fair value of time deposits is based upon the discounted value of contractual cash flows, which is estimated using current rates offered for deposits of similar remaining terms. The fair value of short-term borrowings approximates book value due to their short maturities. The fair value of FHLB advances is estimated by discounting the cash flows through maturity or the next repricing date based on current rates offered by the FHLB for borrowings with similar maturities. The fair value of junior subordinated debt securities is estimated by discounting the cash flows through maturity based on current rates offered on the 30-year Treasury bond.

The Asset/Liability Committee is authorized to utilize a wide variety of off-balance sheet financial techniques to assist in the management of interest rate risk. The Company sometimes uses derivative financial instruments – primarily interest rate swaps and interest rate caps – as part of its asset and liability management strategy, with the overall goal of minimizing the impact of interest rate fluctuations on the Company's net interest margin and its stockholders' equity. The use of derivatives has been declining since 1999, and derivatives have not had a material effect on the Company's operating results or financial position.

The Bank entered into interest rate swap agreements for the purpose of converting fixed rate brokered certificates of deposits to floating rate liabilities. The gross notional amount of interest rate swap agreements totaled \$30.0 million at December 31, 2000. There were no interest rate swap agreements outstanding at December 31, 2001. The Bank adopted SFAS No. 133 effective January 1, 2001. The adoption of this standard resulted in a cumulative pre-tax reduction to earnings of \$149 thousand (\$87 thousand after-tax) as a result of the fair valuation of the interest rate swap agreements. Pursuant to the adoption of SFAS No. 133, the Company recorded these interest rate swap agreements at their estimated fair values, with resulting gains or losses recorded in current earnings.

Prior to October 1, 1999, the Bank used interest rate caps for purposes of hedging against market fluctuations in the Bank's available-for-sale securities portfolio. Due to the volatility of the correlation between the Treasury yield curve and fixed rate mortgage-backed securities, the Bank ceased using interest rate caps to hedge against fluctuations in the investment securities available for sale portfolio, effective October 1, 1999. The Bank continues to record these interest rate caps at their estimated fair values, with resulting gains or losses recorded in current earnings. The unrealized gains and losses reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity as of September 30, 1999 are amortized into interest income or expense over the expected remaining lives of these interest rate cap agreements. Only one interest cap agreement is outstanding at December 31, 2001. This remaining interest rate cap agreement, with a notional amount of \$18.0 million and a fair value, based on quoted market price of approximately zero, will mature in October 2002.

The following table summarizes the expected maturities, weighted average pay and receive rates, and the unrealized gains and losses of the Bank's interest rate contracts as of December 31, 2001 and 2000. The fair values reflected in the table are based on quoted market prices from broker dealers making a market for these derivatives.

| | Expected Maturity | | | | | | Unrealized | Average |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | After 2005 | Total | Gain (Loss) | Expected Maturity |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | |
| At December 31, 2001: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest rate cap agreement: | | | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$18,000 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$18,000 | \$ -- | 0.8 Years |
| Libor cap rate | 7.00% | --% | --% | --% | --% | 7.00% | | |

| | Expected Maturity | | | | | Total | Unrealized Gain (Loss) | Average Expected Maturity |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------|-------|---------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | After 2004 | | | |
| (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | | |
| At December 31, 2000: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest rate swap agreements: | | | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$ (149) | 8.6 Years |
| Weighted average receive rate | --% | --% | --% | --% | 7.00% | 7.00 % | | |
| Weighted average pay rate | --% | --% | --% | --% | 6.61% | 6.61 % | | |
| Interest rate cap agreements: | | | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$36,000 | \$ -- | 1.1 Years |
| Labor cap rate | 6.50% | 7.00% | --% | --% | --% | 6.75 % | | |

Forward-Looking Statements

The preceding discussion and other sections contained in this Annual Report include certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 which involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause the Company's actual results and performance in future periods to differ materially from those discussed in such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the effect of interest rate and currency exchange fluctuations; competition in the financial services market for both deposits and loans; the Company's ability to efficiently incorporate acquisitions into its operations; the ability of the Company to increase its customer base; and regional and general economic conditions. Given these uncertainties, the reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any changes in the Company's expectations of results or any change in events.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 141, "*Business Combinations*," and SFAS No. 142, "*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*." SFAS No. 141 prospectively prohibits the pooling of interest method of accounting for business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. SFAS No. 142 requires companies to cease amortizing goodwill that existed at June 30, 2001. The amortization of existing goodwill ceased on December 31, 2001. Any goodwill resulting from acquisitions completed after June 30, 2001 will not be amortized. SFAS No. 142 also establishes a new method of testing goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or on an interim basis if an event occurs or circumstances change that would reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. The adoption of SFAS No. 142 has resulted in the Bank's discontinuation of the amortization of positive goodwill effective January 1, 2002. Positive goodwill will continue to be reviewed for impairment on an annual basis. Further, as a consequence of adopting SFAS No. 142, the remaining balance of negative goodwill at December 31, 2001 has been recorded as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle effective January 1, 2002.

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*. SFAS No. 143 addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible, long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. This Statement applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and (or) normal operation of a long-lived asset, except for certain obligations of lessees. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. Management does not believe that this standard will have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position when adopted.

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. This standard supercedes SFAS No. 121, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of* and Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30, *Reporting the Results of Operations—Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions*, but retains the requirements relating to recognition and measurement of an impairment loss and resolves certain implementation issues resulting from SFAS No. 121. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

| | December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 224,334 | \$ 63,048 |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value (with amortized cost of \$323,657 in 2001 and \$500,296 in 2000) | 323,099 | 488,290 |
| Loans receivable, net of allowance for loan losses of \$27,557 in 2001 and \$23,848 in 2000 | 2,132,838 | 1,789,988 |
| Investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost | 8,984 | 14,845 |
| Other real estate owned | - | 801 |
| Investment in affordable housing partnerships | 20,991 | 19,676 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 27,568 | 26,630 |
| Premiums on deposits acquired, net | 9,306 | 7,696 |
| Excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired, net | 20,601 | 16,497 |
| Accrued interest receivable and other assets | 53,795 | 47,993 |
| Deferred tax assets | 3,787 | 10,507 |
| TOTAL | \$2,825,303 | \$2,485,971 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Customer deposit accounts: | | |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 529,365 | \$ 201,456 |
| Interest-bearing | 1,888,609 | 1,747,106 |
| Total deposits | 2,417,974 | 1,948,562 |
| Short-term borrowings | - | 38,000 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 104,000 | 268,000 |
| Notes payable | 900 | - |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 35,337 | 22,897 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 569 | - |
| Junior subordinated debt securities | 20,750 | 20,750 |
| Total liabilities | 2,579,530 | 2,298,209 |
| FAIR VALUE OF NET ASSETS ACQUIRED IN EXCESS OF PURCHASE PRICE, NET | 1,358 | 1,613 |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 14) | | |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Common stock (par value of \$0.001 per share) | | |
| Authorized -- 50,000,000 shares | | |
| Issued -- 25,791,660 shares and 24,508,331 shares in 2001 and 2000, respectively | 26 | 25 |
| Outstanding -- 23,376,079 shares and 22,660,590 shares in 2001 and 2000, respectively | 145,312 | 118,039 |
| Additional paid in capital | 135,765 | 99,764 |
| Retained earnings | (378) | (1,344) |
| Deferred compensation | (35,945) | (23,060) |
| Treasury stock, at cost: 2,415,581 shares in 2001 and 1,847,741 shares in 2000 | (365) | (7,275) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax | 244,415 | 186,149 |
| Total stockholders' equity | \$2,825,303 | \$2,485,971 |
| TOTAL | | |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME | | | |
| Loans receivable, including fees | \$155,480 | \$150,985 | \$108,547 |
| Investment securities available for sale | 23,410 | 32,521 | 35,451 |
| Short-term investments | 3,158 | 960 | 2,381 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 650 | 1,614 | 1,539 |
| Investment securities held for trading | - | - | 109 |
| Total interest and dividend income | <u>182,698</u> | <u>186,080</u> | <u>148,027</u> |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | | | |
| Customer deposit accounts | 73,946 | 72,648 | 49,567 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 6,076 | 20,503 | 25,495 |
| Junior subordinated debt securities | 2,270 | 1,377 | - |
| Short-term borrowings | 1,056 | 2,065 | 1,080 |
| Total interest expense | <u>83,348</u> | <u>96,593</u> | <u>76,142</u> |
| NET INTEREST INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES | 99,350 | 89,487 | 71,885 |
| PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES | 6,217 | 4,400 | 5,439 |
| NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES | <u>93,133</u> | <u>85,087</u> | <u>66,446</u> |
| NONINTEREST INCOME | | | |
| Branch fees | 5,353 | 4,839 | 3,388 |
| Letters of credit fees and commissions | 4,324 | 4,353 | 4,111 |
| Ancillary loan fees | 4,128 | 1,845 | 2,282 |
| Net gain on sales of investment securities available for sale | 2,046 | 123 | 685 |
| Net gain on sales of loans | 1,088 | - | - |
| Net gain (loss) on trading securities | 413 | (16) | 1,904 |
| Amortization of fair value of net assets acquired in excess of purchase price | 255 | 415 | 415 |
| Net gain on disposal of fixed assets | 148 | - | - |
| Net gain on sales of investment in affordable housing partnerships | - | 1,279 | 402 |
| Net gain on sale of branch | - | - | 676 |
| Other operating income | 3,836 | 2,130 | 830 |
| Total noninterest income | <u>21,591</u> | <u>14,968</u> | <u>14,693</u> |
| NONINTEREST EXPENSE | | | |
| Compensation and employee benefits | 25,136 | 20,286 | 18,481 |
| Net occupancy | 9,899 | 7,563 | 5,649 |
| Amortization of premiums on deposits acquired and excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired | 3,766 | 3,318 | 1,572 |
| Amortization of investments in affordable housing partnerships | 3,782 | 4,081 | 2,991 |
| Data processing | 1,775 | 1,783 | 1,399 |
| Deposit insurance premiums and regulatory assessments | 552 | 458 | 862 |
| Other real estate owned operations, net | 34 | (174) | (340) |
| Other operating expenses | 17,180 | 12,645 | 8,895 |
| Total noninterest expense | <u>62,124</u> | <u>49,960</u> | <u>39,509</u> |
| INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES | 52,600 | 50,095 | 41,630 |
| PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES | 13,730 | 14,628 | 13,603 |
| INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE | 38,870 | 35,467 | 28,027 |
| CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE, NET OF TAX | (87) | - | - |
| NET INCOME | <u>\$ 38,783</u> | <u>\$ 35,467</u> | <u>\$ 28,027</u> |
| PER SHARE INFORMATION | | | |
| BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE | \$ 1.68 | \$ 1.58 | \$ 1.23 |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE | \$ 1.61 | \$ 1.53 | \$ 1.22 |
| AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING - BASIC | 23,033 | 22,448 | 22,757 |
| AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING - DILUTED | 24,054 | 23,168 | 22,895 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands)

| | Common Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Deferred Compensation | Treasury Stock | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net of Tax | Comprehensive Income | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1999 | \$ 24 | \$ 109,976 | \$ 41,718 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (888) | | \$ 150,830 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | | |
| Net income for the year | | | 28,027 | | | | \$ 28,027 | 28,027 |
| Net unrealized loss on securities | | | | | | (11,841) | (11,841) | (11,841) |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | \$ 16,186 | |
| Stock compensation cost | | | | 249 | | | | 249 |
| Issuance of 105,003 shares under Restricted Stock Plan | | 1,112 | | (1,112) | | | | - |
| Issuance of 28,728 shares under Employee Stock Purchase Plan | | 218 | | | | | | 218 |
| Purchase of 1,485,863 shares of treasury stock | | | | | (14,659) | | | (14,659) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | | | (2,744) | | | | | (2,744) |
| BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1999 | 24 | 111,306 | 67,001 | (863) | (14,659) | (12,729) | | 150,080 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | | |
| Net income for the year | | | 35,467 | | | | \$ 35,467 | 35,467 |
| Net unrealized gain on securities | | | | | | 5,454 | 5,454 | 5,454 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | \$ 40,921 | |
| Stock compensation cost | | 16 | | 405 | | | | 421 |
| Tax benefit from option exercise | | 55 | | | | | | 55 |
| Issuance of 16,444 shares under Stock Option Plan | | 164 | | | | | | 164 |
| Issuance of 1,500 shares under Restricted Stock Plan | | 18 | | (18) | | | | - |
| Issuance of 53,584 shares under Employee Stock Purchase Plan | | 496 | | | | | | 496 |
| Issuance of 424,781 shares under Stock Warrants Plan | 1 | 4,247 | | | | | | 4,248 |
| Issuance of 103,291 shares for acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc. | | 1,737 | | (868) | | | | 869 |
| Purchase of 361,878 shares of treasury stock | | | | | (8,401) | | | (8,401) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | | | (2,704) | | | | | (2,704) |
| BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2000 | 25 | 118,039 | 99,764 | (1,344) | (23,060) | (7,275) | | 186,149 |

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EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)

(Dollars in thousands)

| | Common Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Deferred Compensation | Treasury Stock | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net of Tax | Comprehensive Income | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2000 | \$ 25 | \$ 118,039 | \$ 99,764 | \$ (1,344) | \$(23,080) | \$ (7,275) | | \$ 186,149 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | | |
| Net income for the year | | | 38,783 | | | | \$ 38,783 | 38,783 |
| Net unrealized gain on securities | | | | | | 6,910 | 6,910 | 6,910 |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | | \$ 45,693 | |
| Stock compensation cost | | 41 | | 328 | | | | 369 |
| Tax benefit from option exercise | | 1,303 | | | | | | 1,303 |
| Issuance of 300,724 shares under Stock Option Plan | | 3,068 | | | | | | 3,068 |
| Issuance of 42,012 shares under Employee Stock Purchase Plan | | 682 | | | | | | 682 |
| Issuance of 27,886 shares under Stock Warrants Plan | | 279 | | | | | | 279 |
| Issuance of 512,707 shares for acquisition of Prime Bank | | 12,260 | | | | | | 12,260 |
| Issuance of 400,000 shares in connection with in-store banking operations | 1 | 6,943 | | | | | | 6,944 |
| Issuance of 300,000 shares of warrants in connection with in-store banking operations | | 2,697 | | | | | | 2,697 |
| Release of 13,147 shares in escrow related to acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc. | | | | 638 | | | | 638 |
| Purchase of 567,840 shares of treasury stock | | | | | (12,885) | | | (12,885) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | | | (2,782) | | | | | (2,782) |
| BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2001 | \$ 26 | \$ 145,312 | \$ 135,765 | \$ (378) | \$(35,945) | \$ (365) | | \$ 244,415 |

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| Year Ended December 31, | | |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| (In thousands) | | |

Disclosure of reclassification amount:

| | | | |
|---|---------|---------|------------|
| Unrealized holding gain (loss) arising during period, net of tax expense (benefit) of \$5,425 in 2001, \$3,685 in 2000 and \$(7,620) in 1999 | \$8,138 | \$5,528 | \$(11,430) |
| Less: Reclassification adjustment for gain included in net income, net of tax expense of \$818 in 2001, \$49 in 2000 and \$274 in 1999 | (1,228) | (74) | (411) |
| Net unrealized gain (loss) on securities, net of tax expense (benefit) of \$4,607 in 2001, \$3,636 in 2000 and \$(7,894) in 1999 | \$6,910 | \$5,454 | \$(11,841) |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Net income | \$ 38,783 | \$ 35,467 | \$ 28,027 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 9,453 | 8,751 | 4,139 |
| Stock compensation costs | 369 | 421 | 249 |
| Deferred tax expense (benefit) | 2,149 | (793) | (2,477) |
| Provision for loan losses | 6,217 | 4,400 | 5,439 |
| Provision for other real estate owned losses | 34 | - | 169 |
| Net gain on sales of investment securities and other assets | (3,870) | (1,353) | (2,925) |
| Net (gain) loss on trading securities | 13,190 | 16 | (65) |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends | (800) | (1,727) | (1,608) |
| Proceeds from sale of loans held for sale | 87,981 | 12,384 | 46,225 |
| Originations of loans held for sale | (97,154) | (12,565) | (37,341) |
| Net change in accrued interest receivable and other assets, net of effects from purchases of Prime Bank in 2001 and American International Bank in 2000 | 215 | (14,054) | (2,379) |
| Net change in accrued expenses and other liabilities, net of effects from purchases of Prime Bank in 2001 and American International Bank in 2000 | 11,057 | (9,531) | 2,115 |
| Total adjustments | 28,841 | (14,051) | 11,541 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 67,624 | 21,416 | 39,568 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Net increase in loans | (216,327) | (5,766) | (188,713) |
| Purchases of: | | | |
| Investment securities available for sale | (196,306) | (46,194) | (420,587) |
| Loans receivable | (172,162) | (196,185) | (208,171) |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | - | (508) | (1,809) |
| Real estate investments | (5,097) | (5,544) | (10,707) |
| Premises and equipment | (4,949) | (3,617) | (1,476) |
| Proceeds from sale of: | | | |
| Investment securities available for sale | 176,226 | 61,052 | 177,758 |
| Loans receivable | 80,782 | - | - |
| Other real estate owned | 788 | 1,062 | 5,278 |
| Real estate investments | - | 9,551 | 3,267 |
| Premises and equipment | 1,725 | 1 | 4 |
| Proceeds from maturity of interest bearing deposits | 100 | - | - |
| Repayments, maturity and redemption of investment securities available for sale | 236,338 | 80,891 | 409,499 |
| Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 6,661 | 15,211 | 9,337 |
| Repayments on foreclosed properties | - | 38 | 250 |
| Investment in nonbank entity | - | (250) | (250) |
| Payment for purchase of First Central Bank, net of cash received | - | - | (5,295) |
| Payment for purchase of American International Bank, net of cash received | - | (25,174) | - |
| Cash acquired from purchase of East West Insurance Agency, Inc., net of cash paid | - | 549 | - |
| Cash acquired from purchase of Prime Bank, net of cash paid | 20,298 | - | - |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (71,923) | (114,883) | (231,615) |

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EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

(In thousands)

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Net change in deposits | \$ 371,339 | \$ 277,269 | \$ 190,523 |
| Proceeds from sale of deposits | - | - | 17,795 |
| Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings | (38,000) | 37,400 | (32,400) |
| Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 5,289,500 | 16,711,300 | 19,810,100 |
| Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank advances | (5,453,500) | (16,925,300) | (19,891,100) |
| Proceeds from issuance of junior subordinated debt securities | - | 20,750 | - |
| Payment of debt issue cost | - | (672) | - |
| Repayment of notes payable on affordable housing investments | - | (1,532) | (3,320) |
| Proceeds from common stock options exercised | 3,068 | 164 | - |
| Proceeds from stock warrants exercised | 279 | 4,248 | - |
| Proceeds from stock purchase plan | 682 | 496 | 218 |
| Repurchases of common stock | (12,885) | (8,401) | (14,659) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock related to in-store banking operations | 7,884 | - | - |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (2,782) | (2,704) | (2,744) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | <u>165,585</u> | <u>113,018</u> | <u>74,413</u> |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 161,286 | 19,551 | (117,634) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>63,048</u> | <u>43,497</u> | <u>161,131</u> |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 224,334</u> | <u>\$ 63,048</u> | <u>\$ 43,497</u> |

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SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Cash paid during the year for:

| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Interest | \$ 85,348 | \$ 93,840 | 76,624 |
| Income taxes | 1,468 | 14,246 | 17,350 |
| Noncash investing and financing activities: | | | |
| Loans exchanged for mortgage-backed securities | 13,302 | - | 3,033 |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with Prime Bank acquisition | 12,260 | - | - |
| Deferred operating expense from issuance of common stock and warrants related to in-store banking operations | 1,757 | - | - |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with the acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc., net of deferred compensation | - | 869 | - |
| Real estate investment financed through notes payable | 900 | - | - |
| Other real estate acquired through foreclosure | - | 1,112 | 4,080 |
| Loans made to facilitate sales of other real estate owned | - | - | 2,945 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

OPERATIONS SUMMARY

East West Bancorp, Inc., a registered bank holding company (the "Company"), offers a full range of banking services to individuals and small to large businesses through its subsidiary bank, East West Bank and its subsidiaries (the "Bank"), which operates 31 branches located throughout California. The Company specializes in financing international trade and lending for commercial, construction, and residential real estate projects. The Company's revenues are derived from providing financing for residential and commercial real estate and business customers, as well as investing activities. Funding for lending and investing activities is obtained through acceptance of customer deposits, Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other borrowing activities.

Branch Sale - On May 21, 1999, the Company completed the sale of its Irvine branch to another bank. The assets and liabilities assumed by the acquiring bank were \$83 thousand and \$17.1 million, respectively. The net gain from the sale of this branch amounted to \$676 thousand.

Formation of Regulated Investment Company - On July 13, 2000, East West Securities Company, Inc. (the "Fund"), was incorporated under the general laws of the State of Maryland as a closed-end, non-diversified, management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. EWSC Holdings, LLC, a California limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank, owns 100% of the voting shares of the Fund. The Fund is the sole member in six limited liability companies, namely EW Assets, LLC, EW Assets 2, LLC, EW Assets 3, LLC, EW Assets 4, LLC, EW Assets 5, LLC, and EW Assets 6, LLC. These companies invest primarily in loans and money market deposit accounts.

In-Store Banking - On August 30, 2001, the Company entered into an exclusive ten-year agreement with 99 Ranch Market to provide banking services in their stores throughout California. 99 Ranch is the largest Asian-focused chain of supermarkets on the West Coast, with twenty full service stores in California, one in Seattle, and affiliated licensee stores in Hawaii, Nevada, Georgia and Arizona. Tawa Supermarket Companies is the parent company of 99 Ranch Market. Tawa's property development division owns and operates many of the shopping centers where 99 Ranch stores are located. The Company is currently providing in-store banking services to two 99 Ranch Market locations.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Basis of Presentation - The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and general practices within the banking industry. The following is a summary of significant principles used in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements. In preparing the financial statements, management of the Company has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities, including the allowance for loan losses, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the disclosure of income and expenses for the periods presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Principles of Consolidation - The financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries, East West Bank, East West Insurance Agency, Inc. (see Note 2), East West Capital Trust I and East West Capital Trust II. Inter-company transactions and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation.

Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell - The Company purchases securities under agreements to resell with terms of up to 90 days; however, repurchase agreements are typically overnight investments. These agreements are collateralized by mortgage-backed securities and mortgage or commercial loans that are generally held by a third party custodian. The purchase is overcollateralized to ensure against unfavorable market price movements. In the event that the fair market value of the securities decreases below the carrying amount of the related repurchase agreement, the counterparty is required to designate an equivalent value of additional securities. The counterparties to these agreements are nationally recognized investment banking firms that meet credit eligibility criteria and with whom a master repurchase agreement has been duly executed. These agreements are accounted for as short-term investments and are included in cash and cash equivalents.

Investment Securities - Trading account securities are typically investment grade securities which are generally held by the Bank for a period of seven days or less. Trading account securities are carried at market value. Realized and unrealized gains or losses on trading securities are included in noninterest income. Investment securities available for sale are reported at estimated fair value, with unrealized gains and losses, net of the related tax effect, excluded from operations

and reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income or loss. Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on securities are recorded as yield adjustments on such securities using the effective interest method. The specific identification method is used for purposes of determining cost in computing realized gains and losses on investment securities sold.

Derivative Financial Instruments – As discussed in Note 5, the Company sometimes uses derivative financial instruments as part of its asset and liability management strategy. Effective January 1, 2001, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended by SFAS Nos. 137 and 138. The adoption of SFAS No. 133 resulted in a cumulative pre-tax reduction to income of \$149 thousand (\$87 thousand after-tax), related to the fair valuation of two interest rate swap agreements with a combined notional amount of \$30.0 million. These swap agreements were terminated during 2001. The Company also had two interest rate cap agreements outstanding during 2001, one of which had a notional amount of \$18 million and matured in April 2001, and one of which has a notional amount of \$18 million and remains outstanding at December 31, 2001. Pursuant to the requirements of SFAS No. 133, the Company accounts for the interest rate swap and cap agreements at fair value as assets or liabilities, and reports changes in fair values in current earnings.

Loans Receivable - Loans receivable that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future, or until maturity, are stated at their outstanding principal, reduced by an allowance for loan losses and net deferred loan fees or costs on originated loans and unamortized premiums or discounts on purchased loans. Nonrefundable fees and direct costs associated with the origination or purchase of loans are deferred and netted against outstanding loan balances. The deferred net loan fees and costs are recognized in interest income as an adjustment to yield over the loan term using the effective interest method. Discounts or premiums on purchased loans are accreted or amortized to interest income using the effective interest method over the remaining period to contractual maturity adjusted for anticipated prepayments. Interest on loans is calculated using the simple-interest method on daily balances of the principal amount outstanding. Accrual of interest is discontinued on a loan when management believes, after considering economic and business conditions and collection efforts, that the borrower's financial condition is such that collection of interest is doubtful. Generally, loans are placed on nonaccrual status when they become 90 days past due. When interest accrual is discontinued, all unpaid accrued interest is reversed against current earnings. In general, subsequent payments received are applied to the outstanding principal balance of the loan. A loan is returned to accrual status when the borrower has demonstrated a satisfactory payment trend subject to management's assessment of the borrower's ability to repay the loan.

Loans held for sale are carried at the lower of aggregate cost or market value. Origination fees on loans held for sale, net of certain costs of processing and closing the loans, are deferred until the time of sale and are included in the computation of the gain or loss from the sale of the related loans. A valuation allowance is established if the market value of such loans is lower than their cost and operations are charged for valuation adjustments.

A loan is impaired when it is probable that a creditor will be unable to collect all amounts due (principal and interest) according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans are measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, as an expedient, at the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent, less costs to sell.

Lease Financing Transactions – Loans receivable include the Company's share of aggregate rentals on lease financing transactions and residual values, net of unearned income. Lease financing transactions are primarily direct financing leases. Unearned income on lease financing transactions is amortized utilizing the interest method.

Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses - The determination of the balance in the allowance for loan losses is based on an analysis of the loan portfolio and reflects an amount that, in management's judgment, is adequate to provide for probable losses after giving consideration to estimated losses on specifically identified impaired loans, as well as the characteristics of the loan portfolio, current economic conditions, past credit loss experience and such other factors as deserve current recognition in estimating credit losses. The allowance for loan losses is increased by charges to income and decreased by chargeoffs (net of recoveries). Consumer and other homogeneous smaller balance loans are reviewed on a collective basis for impairment.

Other Real Estate Owned - Other real estate owned represents real estate acquired through foreclosure and is recorded at fair value at the time of foreclosure. Loan balances in excess of fair value of the real estate acquired at the date of foreclosure are charged against the allowance for loan losses. After foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and the real estate is carried at the lower of carrying value or fair value less costs to sell. Any subsequent operating expenses or income, reduction in estimated values, and gains or losses on disposition of such properties are charged to current operations. Revenue recognition upon disposition of a property is dependent on the sale having met certain criteria relating to the buyer's initial investment in the property sold.

Investment in Affordable Housing Partnerships - The Company owns limited partnership interests in projects of affordable housing for lower income tenants. The investments in which the Company has significant influence are recorded using the equity method of accounting. The remaining investments are being amortized using the level-yield method over the life of the related tax credits. The tax credits are being recognized in the consolidated financial statements to the extent they are utilized on the Company's tax returns.

Premises and Equipment - Company premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are computed based on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the various classes of assets. The ranges of useful lives for the principal classes of assets are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Buildings and building improvements | 25 years |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 3 to 10 years |
| Leasehold improvements | Term of lease or useful life, whichever is shorter |

Intangible Assets - Excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired and fair value of net assets acquired in excess of purchase price, also known as positive goodwill and negative goodwill, respectively, are amortized using the straight-line method over 15 to 25 years. Premiums on deposits, which represent the intangible value of depositor relationships resulting from deposit liabilities assumed in acquisitions, are amortized using the straight-line method over 7 to 10 years. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, the Bank will discontinue the amortization of positive goodwill effective January 1, 2002. Positive goodwill will continue to be reviewed for impairment on an annual basis. The remaining balance of negative goodwill of \$1.4 million at December 31, 2001 will be recorded as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle effective January 1, 2002.

Stock of Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco - As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") of San Francisco, the Company is required to own common stock in the FHLB of San Francisco based upon the Company's balance of residential mortgage loans and outstanding FHLB advances. FHLB stock is carried at cost and may be sold back to the FHLB at its carrying value. Both cash and stock dividends received are reported as dividend income.

Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase - The Company enters into sales of securities under repurchase agreements with primary dealers, which provide for the repurchase of the same security with substantially the same terms as the security sold. The reverse repurchase agreements are typically collateralized by mortgage-backed securities that are normally held by a third party custodian. In the event that the fair market value of the securities decreases below the carrying amount of the related repurchase agreement, the counterparty is required to designate an equivalent value of additional securities. These agreements are accounted for as financings, and the obligations of the Company to repurchase the securities are reflected as liabilities. The securities underlying the agreements remain in the asset accounts in the consolidated balance sheets.

Junior Subordinated Debt Securities - During 2000, the Company established East West Capital Trust I and East West Capital Trust II (the "Trusts") as wholly owned subsidiaries. In two separate private placement transactions, the Trusts issued \$10.8 million of 10.875% capital securities and \$10.0 million of 10.945% capital securities representing undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trusts. The Company is the owner of all the beneficial interests represented by the common securities of the Trusts. The purpose of issuing the capital securities was to provide the Company with a cost-effective means of obtaining Tier I Capital for regulatory purposes and, with respect to East West Capital Trust II securities, to increase the profile of the Company with investors.

Income Taxes - Deferred income taxes are recognized for the tax consequences in future years of differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year-end, based on enacted tax laws and statutory tax rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income.

Stock-Based Compensation - The Company has adopted SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, which establishes financial accounting and reporting standards for stock-based employee compensation plans. This standard includes the recognition of compensation expense over the vesting period based on the fair value of all stock-based awards on the date of grant. SFAS No. 123 permits entities to continue to apply the provisions of Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and to provide the pro forma net income and pro forma net earnings per share disclosures as if the fair-value based method defined in SFAS No. 123 had been applied. Under APB Opinion No. 25, compensation expense for fixed options would be recorded on the date of grant only if the current market price of the underlying stock exceeded the exercise price. The Company has elected to continue to apply the provisions of APB Opinion No. 25 in accounting for its stock option plan and provide the pro forma disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 in the footnotes to its consolidated financial statements.

In addition to stock options, the Company also grants restricted stock awards to certain officers and employees. The Company records the cost of the restricted shares at market. The restricted stock grant is reflected as a component of both common stock and additional paid-in capital with an offsetting amount of deferred compensation in the consolidated statement of changes in stockholders' equity. The restricted shares awarded become fully vested after three years of continued employment from the date of grant. The Company becomes entitled to an income tax deduction in an amount equal to the taxable income reported by the holders of the restricted shares when the restrictions are released and the shares are issued. The deferred compensation cost reflected in stockholders' equity is being amortized as compensation expense over three years using the straight-line method. Restricted shares are forfeited if officers and employees terminate prior to the lapsing of restrictions. The Company records forfeitures of restricted stock as treasury share repurchases and any compensation cost previously recognized is reversed in the period of forfeiture.

Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities – During 2001, the Company adopted SFAS No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities—a replacement to FASB Statement No. 125*. There was no effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations as a result of adopting SFAS No. 140. A sale is recognized when the Company relinquishes control over a financial asset and is compensated for such asset. The difference between the net proceeds received and the carrying amount of the financial assets being sold or securitized is recognized as a gain or loss on sale.

Earnings Per Share (EPS) - Basic EPS is computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock, or resulted from issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the Company.

Comprehensive Income – The term "comprehensive income" describes the total of all components of comprehensive income including net income. "Other comprehensive income" refers to revenues, expenses, and gains and losses that are included in comprehensive income but are excluded from net income because they have been recorded directly in equity under the provisions of other Financial Accounting Standard Board statements. The Company presents the comprehensive income disclosure as a part of the statements of changes in stockholders' equity by identifying each element of other comprehensive income, including net income.

Reclassifications - Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2000 and 1999 financial statements to conform to the 2001 presentation.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Accounting for Business Combinations and Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets - In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") approved SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*, and SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. SFAS No. 141 prospectively prohibits the pooling of interest method of accounting for business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. SFAS No. 142 requires companies to cease amortizing goodwill that existed at June 30, 2001. The amortization of existing goodwill ceased on December 31, 2001. Any goodwill resulting from acquisitions completed after June 30, 2001 will not be amortized. SFAS No. 142 also establishes a new method of testing goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or on an interim basis if an event occurs or circumstances change that would reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. The adoption of SFAS No. 142 will result in the Bank's discontinuation of the amortization of positive goodwill effective January 1, 2002. Positive goodwill will continue to be reviewed for impairment on an annual basis. Further, as a consequence of adopting SFAS No. 142, the remaining balance of negative goodwill of \$1.4 million at December 31, 2001 will be recorded as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principle effective January 1, 2002. The adoption of SFAS No. 141 will not have an impact on our financial statements.

Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations - In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*. SFAS No. 143 addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible, long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. This Statement applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and (or) normal operation of a long-lived asset, except for certain obligations of lessees. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. Management does not believe that this standard will have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position when adopted.

Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets – In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. This standard supercedes SFAS No. 121, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of* and Accounting Principles Board No. 30, *Reporting the Results of Operations—Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions*, but retains the requirements relating to recognition and measurement of an impairment loss and resolves certain implementation issues resulting from SFAS No. 121. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. Management does not believe that this standard will have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position when adopted.

2. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

Acquisition of First Central Bank, N.A. - On May 28, 1999, the Bank completed its acquisition of First Central Bank, N.A. ("First Central") for an aggregate cash price of \$13.5 million. The Bank acquired all of the issued and outstanding stock of First Central and its operations have been merged into the operations of the Bank. First Central was a national bank with three branches in Southern California.

The acquisition was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, all assets and liabilities were adjusted to and recorded at their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. The estimated tax effect of differences between tax bases and market values has been reflected in deferred income taxes. Total unamortized goodwill amounted to \$3.1 million and \$3.4 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Summarized below are the assets and liabilities of First Central, recorded at fair value, at the date of acquisition:

| | Values of Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed <i>(In thousands)</i> |
|---|---|
| Cash, cash equivalents and other investments | \$ 46,570 |
| Loans receivable | 54,305 |
| Property and equipment | 363 |
| Excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired | 3,513 |
| Premium on deposits acquired | 2,450 |
| Other assets | 914 |
| Total assets | <u>108,115</u> |
| Deposits | 92,569 |
| Other liabilities | 1,240 |
| Deferred tax liabilities, net | 833 |
| Total liabilities | <u>94,642</u> |
| Purchase price and other acquisition costs | <u>\$ 13,473</u> |

Acquisition of American International Bank - On January 18, 2000, the Bank completed its acquisition of American International Bank ("AIB") in an all-cash transaction totaling \$33.1 million. The Bank acquired all of the issued and outstanding stock of AIB and its operations have been merged into the operations of the Bank. AIB was a state-chartered bank with eight branches in Southern California. AIB specialized in servicing small-to-medium sized companies involved in international trade and other areas, as well as offering a full range of personal banking products and services to a predominantly Chinese-American customer base.

The acquisition of AIB was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, all assets and liabilities were adjusted to and recorded at their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. The estimated tax effect of differences between tax bases and market values has been reflected in deferred income taxes. Total unamortized goodwill amounted to \$8.0 million and \$9.6 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Summarized below are the assets and liabilities of AIB, recorded at fair value, at the date of acquisition:

| | Values of Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed <i>(In thousands)</i> |
|---|---|
| Cash, cash equivalents and other investments | \$ 86,738 |
| Loans receivable | 105,225 |
| Property and equipment | 3,505 |
| Excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired | 10,243 |
| Premium on deposits acquired | 6,100 |
| Other assets | 5,039 |
| Deferred tax assets, net | 3,449 |
| Total assets | <u>220,299</u> |
| Deposits | 170,765 |
| Other liabilities | 16,399 |
| Total liabilities | <u>187,164</u> |
| Purchase price and other acquisition costs | <u>\$ 33,135</u> |

Acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc. - On August 22, 2000, the Company completed the acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc. (the "Agency") in a stock exchange transaction. The Agency with assets of \$789 thousand as of the acquisition date, is an unrelated agent providing business and consumer insurance services to the Southern California market. The Agency continues to run its operations autonomously as a wholly owned subsidiary of East West Bancorp, Inc.

In exchange for all of the outstanding stock of the Agency, the Company issued a total of 103,291 new shares of the Company's common stock. The total fair value of the shares issued was approximately \$1.7 million. Approximately half of the shares issued for the acquisition of the Agency, or 51,645 shares, are held in escrow by the Company and are subject to a three-and-a-half year earn-out period pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated August 8, 2000. The distribution of the shares held in escrow was scheduled in four phases and is contingent on the Agency achieving specified revenue and pre-tax earnings levels over three-and-a-half years following the completion of the acquisition.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Agency met its first year revenue and pre-tax earnings requirements. Consequently, 13,147 shares of East West Bancorp, Inc. which were previously held in escrow by the Company have been released pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger. Moreover, as a result of the Agency meeting its first year earn-out requirements, a total of \$638 thousand in deferred compensation has been reclassified from stockholders' equity to goodwill.

The acquisition of the Agency was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, all assets and liabilities were adjusted to and recorded at their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. Total unamortized goodwill amounted to \$958 thousand and \$351 thousand at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Summarized below are the assets and liabilities of the Agency, recorded at fair value, at the date of acquisition:

| | Values of Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed <i>(In thousands)</i> |
|---|---|
| Cash, cash equivalents and other investments | \$ 549 |
| Property and equipment | 78 |
| Excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired | 996 |
| Other assets | 106 |
| Total assets | <u>1,729</u> |
| Other liabilities | 221 |
| Total liabilities | <u>221</u> |
| Purchase price and other acquisition costs | <u>\$1,508</u> |

Acquisition of Prime Bank - On January 16, 2001, the Bank completed its acquisition of Prime Bank with a combination of shares and cash valued at \$16.6 million. The Bank acquired all of the issued and outstanding stock of Prime Bank and its operations have been merged into the operations of the Bank. Prime Bank was a one-branch commercial bank located in the Century City area of Los Angeles

The acquisition was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, all assets and liabilities of Prime Bank were adjusted to and recorded at their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. The estimated tax effect of differences between tax bases and fair values has been reflected in deferred income taxes. Total unamortized goodwill amounted to \$5.5 million at December 31, 2001.

Summarized below are the assets and liabilities of Prime Bank, recorded at fair value, at the date of acquisition:

| | Values of Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed <i>(In thousands)</i> |
|---|---|
| Cash, cash equivalents and other investments | \$ 61,778 |
| Loans receivable | 42,938 |
| Property and equipment | 1,211 |
| Excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired | 5,885 |
| Premium on deposits acquired | 3,900 |
| Other assets | 2,771 |
| Total assets | <u>118,483</u> |
| Deposits | 98,073 |
| Other liabilities | 2,944 |
| Deferred tax liabilities, net | 843 |
| Total liabilities | <u>101,860</u> |
| Purchase price and other acquisition costs | <u>\$ 16,623</u> |

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash, amounts due from banks, and short-term investments with maturities of less than three months. Short-term investments, which include federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell, are recorded at cost, which approximates market.

The composition of cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2001 and 2000 is presented as follows:

| | December 31, | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | |
| Cash | \$ 69,334 | \$58,548 |
| Cash equivalents: | | |
| Federal funds sold | 25,000 | 4,500 |
| Securities purchased under agreements to resell | 130,000 | - |
| Total cash equivalents | 155,000 | 4,500 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | <u>\$224,334</u> | <u>\$63,048</u> |

4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE

An analysis of the available-for-sale investment securities portfolio is presented as follows

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Estimated Fair Value |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | (In thousands) | | |
| As of December 31, 2001: | | | | |
| Mutual funds | \$ 10,707 | \$ 7 | \$ - | \$ 10,714 |
| US Treasury securities | 77,999 | 121 | (8) | 78,112 |
| US Government agency securities | 8,276 | 167 | - | 8,443 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 190,930 | 908 | (507) | 191,331 |
| Corporate securities | 35,745 | 2 | (1,248) | 34,499 |
| Total | <u>\$323,657</u> | <u>\$1,205</u> | <u>\$ (1,763)</u> | <u>\$323,099</u> |
| As of December 31, 2000: | | | | |
| US Treasury securities | \$ 8,310 | \$ 119 | \$ - | \$ 8,429 |
| US Government agency securities | 72,290 | - | (4,908) | 67,382 |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 200 | 1 | - | 201 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 390,592 | 99 | (6,013) | 384,678 |
| Corporate securities | 28,904 | - | (1,304) | 27,600 |
| Total | <u>\$500,296</u> | <u>\$ 219</u> | <u>\$ (12,225)</u> | <u>\$488,290</u> |

The scheduled maturities of investment securities available for sale at December 31, 2001 are presented as follows:

| | <u>Amortized Cost</u> | <u>Estimated Fair Value</u> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | |
| Due within one year | \$ 95,951 | \$ 96,035 |
| Due after one year through five years | 342 | 340 |
| Due after five years through ten years | 71,065 | 71,456 |
| Due after ten years | <u>156,299</u> | <u>155,268</u> |
| Total | <u>\$323,657</u> | <u>\$323,099</u> |

Expected maturities of mortgage-backed securities can differ from contractual maturities because borrowers have the right to prepay obligations. In addition, such factors as prepayments and interest rates may affect the yields on the carrying values of mortgage-backed securities.

Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities during 2001, 2000 and 1999 were \$176.2 million, \$61.1 million and \$177.8 million, respectively. Gross realized gains were \$2.0 million, \$261 thousand and \$685 thousand and gross realized losses were \$0, \$138 thousand, and \$0 during 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

FNMA loans totaling \$13.3 million were securitized and sold during 2001. Total trading gains recognized on this transaction amounted to \$301 thousand during the year ended December 31, 2001.

At December 31, 2001 and 2000, investment securities with a carrying value of \$273.6 million and \$445.0 million, respectively, were pledged to secure public deposits, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, FHLB advances and interest rate swap agreements and for other purposes required or permitted by law.

5. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company sometimes uses derivative financial instruments — primarily interest rate swaps and interest rate caps — as part of its asset and liability management strategy, with the overall goal of minimizing the impact of interest rate fluctuations on the Company's net interest margin and its stockholders' equity. The use of derivatives has been declining since 1999, and derivatives have not had a material effect on the Company's operating results or financial position. No interest rate swap agreements are outstanding as of December 31, 2001. Only one interest rate cap agreement is outstanding at December 31, 2001. As of that date, the interest rate cap has a notional amount of \$18.0 million and a fair value, based on quoted market price, of approximately zero, and will mature in October 2002.

At December 31, 2001, the Company also has outstanding warrants to purchase common stock of various companies. The warrants were received by the Company in connection with certain lending relationships, primarily with small, privately-held companies. In management's opinion, the fair value of the warrants is approximately zero.

The Company is exposed to credit-related losses in the event of nonperformance by counterparties to financial instruments but does not expect any counterparties to fail to meet their obligations. The Company deals only with highly rated counterparties. The credit exposure is represented by the estimated fair value of the contracts, which, as noted above, is insignificant as of December 31, 2001.

6. LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The following is a summary of loans receivable:

| | December 31, | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | |
| Real estate loans: | | |
| Residential, one to four units | \$ 316,505 | \$ 334,775 |
| Residential, multifamily | 377,224 | 323,469 |
| Commercial and industrial real estate | 868,989 | 640,713 |
| Construction | 161,953 | 118,241 |
| Total real estate loans | <u>1,724,671</u> | <u>1,417,198</u> |
| Other loans: | | |
| Business, commercial | 363,330 | 350,282 |
| Automobile | 13,714 | 6,409 |
| Other consumer | 58,413 | 40,547 |
| Total other loans | <u>435,457</u> | <u>397,238</u> |
| Total gross loans | 2,160,128 | 1,814,436 |
| Unearned fees, premiums and discounts, net | 267 | (600) |
| Allowance for loan losses | <u>(27,557)</u> | <u>(23,848)</u> |
| Loans receivable, net | <u>\$2,132,838</u> | <u>\$1,789,988</u> |

Loans held for sale were \$9.7 million and \$1.1 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, commercial business loans included finance leases totaling \$9.0 million and \$12.5 million, respectively. Accrued interest on loans receivable amounted to \$10.0 million and \$12.1 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

An analysis of the activity in the allowance for loan losses is as follows:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 23,848 | \$ 20,844 | \$16,506 |
| Allowance from acquisitions | 1,550 | 2,256 | 1,150 |
| Provision for loan losses | 6,217 | 4,400 | 5,439 |
| Chargeoffs | (5,928) | (4,592) | (2,877) |
| Recoveries | 1,870 | 940 | 626 |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$ 27,557</u> | <u>\$ 23,848</u> | <u>\$20,844</u> |

The following is a summary of interest foregone on impaired loans for the years ended December 31:

| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | | |
| Interest income that would have been recognized had impaired loans performed in accordance with their original terms | \$ 1,124 | \$ 1,475 | \$ 1,980 |
| Less: Interest income recognized on impaired loans | (808) | (1,138) | (1,562) |
| Interest foregone on impaired loans | <u>\$ 316</u> | <u>\$ 337</u> | <u>\$ 418</u> |

There were no commitments to lend additional funds to borrowers whose loans are included above.

The following table provides information on impaired loans for the periods indicated:

| | As of and for the Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Recorded investment with related allowance | \$ 1,101 | \$ 2,641 | \$ 7,773 |
| Recorded investment with no related allowance | 6,182 | 9,781 | 13,078 |
| Total recorded investment | 7,283 | 12,422 | 20,851 |
| Allowance on impaired loans | (1,101) | (1,318) | (1,254) |
| Net recorded investment in impaired loans | <u>\$ 6,182</u> | <u>\$11,104</u> | <u>\$19,597</u> |
| Average total recorded investment in impaired loans | \$10,133 | \$12,875 | \$21,368 |

Loans serviced for others amounted to approximately \$235.9 million and \$198.8 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Credit Risk and Concentrations - Substantially all of the Company's real estate loans are secured by real properties located in California. Declines in the California economy and in real estate values could have a significant effect on collectibility of the Company's loans and on the level of allowance for loan losses required. In addition, although most of the Company's trade finance activities are related to trade with Asia, all of the Company's loans are made to companies domiciled in the United States.

7. INVESTMENTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS

The Company has invested in certain limited partnerships that were formed to develop and operate several apartment complexes designed as high-quality affordable housing for lower income tenants throughout the United States. The Company's ownership in each limited partnership varies from 1% to 19.8%. Four of the investments are being accounted for using the equity method of accounting, because the Company exercises significant influence over these partnerships. The costs of the remaining investments are being amortized on a level-yield method over the lives of the related tax credits. Each of the partnerships must meet the regulatory requirements for affordable housing for a minimum 15-year compliance period to fully utilize the tax credits. If the partnerships cease to qualify during the compliance period, the credits may be denied for any period in which the projects are not in compliance and a portion of the credits previously taken is subject to recapture with interest.

The remaining federal tax credits to be utilized over a multiple-year period are \$16.2 million as of December 31, 2001. The Company's usage of tax credits approximated \$4.3 million and \$3.9 million during 2001 and 2000, respectively. Investment amortization amounted to \$3.8 million and \$4.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

The Company finances the purchase of certain real estate tax credits generated by partnerships which own multiple properties currently under construction. These transactions were financed with nonrecourse notes which are collateralized by the Company's partnership interests in the real estate investment tax credits. The notes are payable upon demand and if defaulted, interest will be imposed at an annual rate equal to the lesser of 18% per annum or the higher rate permitted by applicable law. No interest is due if the notes are paid on demand. At December 31, 2001, outstanding notes payable related to the purchase of real estate tax credits amounted to \$900 thousand. There were no outstanding notes payable at December 31, 2000. The Company has no liabilities in addition to these notes payable or any contingent liabilities to the partnerships.

8. PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

Premises and equipment consist of the following:

| | December 31, | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | |
| Land | \$ 11,157 | \$ 11,587 |
| Office buildings | 10,717 | 11,784 |
| Leasehold improvements | 4,241 | 3,339 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 13,718 | 11,600 |
| Equipment under operating leases | 3,107 | 1,299 |
| Total cost | 42,940 | 39,609 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (15,372) | (12,979) |
| Net book value | <u>\$ 27,568</u> | <u>\$ 26,630</u> |

9. CUSTOMER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Customer deposit account balances are summarized as follows:

| | December 31, | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | |
| Demand deposits (non-interest bearing) | \$ 529,365 | \$ 201,456 |
| Checking accounts (interest bearing) | 196,469 | 111,228 |
| Money market accounts | 163,831 | 122,079 |
| Savings deposits | 220,436 | 212,411 |
| Total core deposits | <u>1,110,101</u> | <u>647,174</u> |
| Time deposits: | | |
| Less than \$100,000 | 595,579 | 560,244 |
| \$100,000 or greater | 712,294 | 741,144 |
| Total time deposits | <u>1,307,873</u> | <u>1,301,388</u> |
| Total deposits | <u>\$2,417,974</u> | <u>\$1,948,562</u> |

At December 31, 2001, the scheduled maturities of time deposits are as follows:

| | <u>\$100,000 or Greater</u> | <u>Less Than \$100,000</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | | |
| 2002 | \$ 683,065 | \$ 557,326 | \$1,240,391 |
| 2003 | 24,588 | 27,998 | 52,586 |
| 2004 | 2,668 | 6,580 | 9,248 |
| 2005 | 495 | 1,961 | 2,456 |
| 2006 and thereafter | 1,478 | 1,714 | 3,192 |
| Total | <u>\$ 712,294</u> | <u>\$ 595,579</u> | <u>\$1,307,873</u> |

Accrued interest payable was \$1.9 million and \$2.1 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively. Interest expense on customer deposits by account type is summarized as follows:

| | December 31, | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 1,968 | \$ 1,398 | \$ 1,056 |
| Money market accounts | 4,848 | 3,836 | 1,593 |
| Savings deposits | 2,442 | 4,213 | 3,960 |
| Time deposits: | | | |
| Less than \$100,000 | 27,240 | 25,398 | 21,533 |
| \$100,000 or greater | 37,448 | 37,803 | 21,425 |
| Total | <u>\$73,946</u> | <u>\$72,648</u> | <u>\$49,567</u> |

10. SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

Short-term borrowings include federal funds purchased or securities sold under agreements to repurchase. Federal funds purchased generally mature within one business day while securities sold under agreements to repurchase generally mature within 90 days from the transaction date. No short-term borrowings were outstanding at December 31, 2001. At December 31, 2000, total short-term borrowings consisted entirely of federal funds purchased amounting to \$38 million.

The following table provides information on short-term borrowings for the periods indicated:

| | December 31, | | |
|---|----------------|----------|----------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Federal funds purchased: | | | |
| Total federal funds purchased at end of year | \$ - | \$38,000 | \$ 600 |
| Average balance outstanding during the year | \$20,096 | \$31,009 | \$10,520 |
| Maximum amount outstanding at any month-end during the year | \$49,000 | \$39,000 | \$36,000 |
| Weighted average interest rate during the year | 5.13% | 6.47% | 5.47% |
| Weighted average interest rate at end of year | -% | 6.60% | 5.75% |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase: | | | |
| Total securities sold under agreements to repurchase at end of year | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Average balance outstanding during the year | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 9,159 |
| Maximum amount outstanding at any month-end during the year | \$ - | \$ - | \$33,000 |
| Weighted average interest rate during the year | -% | -% | 5.05% |
| Weighted average interest rate at end of year | -% | -% | -% |

As a means of augmenting its liquidity, the Bank has established federal funds lines with four correspondent banks and several master repurchase agreements with major brokerage companies. At December 31, 2001, the Bank's available borrowing capacity includes \$92.0 million in federal funds line facilities and \$39.4 million in reverse repurchase arrangements. This compares to \$47.0 million in available federal funds line facilities and \$43.3 million in available reverse repurchase agreements at December 31, 2000. In addition to federal funds line facilities and reverse repurchase agreements, the Bank also had \$169.5 million and \$246.0 million in unused FHLB advances at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

11. FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ADVANCES

FHLB advances and their related weighted average interest rates are summarized as follows:

| | December 31, | | | |
|--|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | 2001 | | 2000 | |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Maturing during Year Ending December 31, | | | | |
| 2001 | \$ - | --% | \$244,000 | 6.53% |
| 2002 | 70,000 | 2.14% | 10,000 | 6.33% |
| 2003 | 14,000 | 5.94% | 14,000 | 5.94% |
| 2004 | 20,000 | 5.11% | -- | --% |
| Total | \$104,000 | 3.22% | \$268,000 | 6.49% |

At December 31, 2001, FHLB fixed and variable rate advances amounted to \$59.0 million and \$45.0 million, respectively. All FHLB advances at December 31, 2000 are at fixed interest rates. Some advances are secured by certain real estate loans with remaining principal balances of approximately \$537.9 million and \$592.9 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

12. CAPITAL RESOURCES

Shelf Registration - During the first quarter of 2000, the Company filed a \$50 million universal shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Pursuant to this filing, the Company may offer new common stock, trust preferred, preferred stock and/or other debentures to augment its capital resources. The timing and amount of offerings will depend on market and general business conditions. The Company intends to utilize the net proceeds from the sale of securities for general business purposes, which include supporting the growth of its commercial banking activities and possible future acquisitions. At December 31, 2001, the Company has not offered new common stock, trust preferred, preferred stock and/or other debentures pursuant to this shelf registration.

Junior Subordinated Debt Securities - On March 23, 2000, East West Capital Trust I, a statutory business trust and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued \$10.8 million of junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures. These securities have a scheduled maturity date of March 8, 2030 and an interest rate of 10.875% per annum. Interest payments are due on March 8 and September 8 of each year.

On July 26, 2000, East West Capital Trust II, also a statutory business trust and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued \$10.0 million in junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures. The scheduled maturity date of these securities is July 19, 2030. These securities bear an interest rate of 10.945% per annum and interest payments are due on January 19 and July 19 of each year.

Interest payments on these securities are deductible for tax purposes. These securities, which are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are recorded in the liability section of the consolidated balance sheet in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. For regulatory reporting purposes, these securities qualify for Tier 1 capital treatment.

Regulated Investment Company - On July 13, 2000, East West Securities Company, Inc., was incorporated as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The formation of this entity provides the Company with the flexibility to raise additional capital in a tax efficient manner for future business opportunities, if desired. However, as discussed in Note 14 below, certain events have transpired that could significantly affect the Company's ability to raise additional capital through this entity in the future.

13. INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes consists of the following components:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | <i>(In thousands)</i> | | |
| Current income tax expense (benefit): | | | |
| Federal | \$12,624 | \$13,432 | \$11,155 |
| State | (1,043) | 1,989 | 4,925 |
| Total current income tax expense | <u>11,581</u> | <u>15,421</u> | <u>16,080</u> |
| Deferred income tax expense (benefit): | | | |
| Federal | 1,518 | (350) | (2,062) |
| State | 631 | (443) | (415) |
| Total deferred income tax expense (benefit) | <u>2,149</u> | <u>(793)</u> | <u>(2,477)</u> |
| Provision for income taxes | <u>\$13,730</u> | <u>\$14,628</u> | <u>\$13,603</u> |

The difference between the effective tax rate implicit in the consolidated financial statements and the statutory federal income tax rate can be attributed to the following:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Federal income tax provision at statutory rate | 35.0% | 35.0% | 35.0% |
| State franchise taxes, net of federal tax effect | (0.5) | 2.0 | 7.0 |
| Tax credits | (8.1) | (7.7) | (7.7) |
| Other, net | (0.3) | (0.1) | (1.6) |
| Effective income tax rate | <u>26.1%</u> | <u>29.2%</u> | <u>32.7%</u> |

During the year ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, the Company realized state tax benefits through the formation and funding of a regulated investment company in July 2000. There were no such benefits realized during the year ended December 31, 1999.

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax (assets) liabilities are presented below:

| | December 31, | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | 2001 | | | 2000 | | |
| | Federal | State | Total | Federal | State | Total |
| | (In thousands) | | | | | |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Core deposit premium | \$ 3,115 | \$ 965 | \$ 4,080 | \$ 3,594 | \$ 1,113 | \$ 4,707 |
| Depreciation | 1,872 | 573 | 2,445 | 2,001 | 574 | 2,575 |
| FHLB stock dividends | 3,223 | 998 | 4,221 | 2,996 | 928 | 3,924 |
| Deferred loan fees | 4,356 | 1,349 | 5,705 | 3,395 | 1,052 | 4,447 |
| Purchased loan discounts | 483 | 150 | 633 | - | - | - |
| Other, net | 4,976 | 1,573 | 6,549 | 2,942 | 962 | 3,904 |
| Total gross deferred tax liabilities | <u>18,025</u> | <u>5,608</u> | <u>23,633</u> | <u>14,928</u> | <u>4,629</u> | <u>19,557</u> |
| Deferred tax assets: | | | | | | |
| Bad debt deduction | (9,260) | (2,430) | (11,690) | (7,717) | (1,989) | (9,706) |
| Purchased loan discounts | - | - | - | (1,204) | (373) | (1,577) |
| Deferred compensation accrual | (1,641) | (508) | (2,149) | (1,005) | (305) | (1,310) |
| California franchise tax | (595) | - | (595) | (724) | - | (724) |
| Unrealized loss on securities | (268) | (54) | (322) | (4,278) | (856) | (5,134) |
| Net operating loss carryforwards | (4,098) | (61) | (4,159) | (4,678) | (240) | (4,918) |
| Other, net | <u>(5,950)</u> | <u>(1,986)</u> | <u>(7,936)</u> | <u>(4,564)</u> | <u>(2,131)</u> | <u>(6,695)</u> |
| Total gross deferred tax assets | <u>(21,812)</u> | <u>(5,039)</u> | <u>(26,851)</u> | <u>(24,170)</u> | <u>(5,894)</u> | <u>(30,064)</u> |
| Net deferred tax assets | <u>\$ (3,787)</u> | <u>\$ 569</u> | <u>\$ (3,218)</u> | <u>\$ (9,242)</u> | <u>\$ (1,265)</u> | <u>\$ (10,507)</u> |

At December 31, 2001, the Company has federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$13.4 million which expire through 2020 and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$2.2 million which expire through 2005. These net operating loss carryforwards were acquired by the Company in connection with its acquisition of AIB. Federal and state tax laws, related to a change in ownership such as the acquisition of AIB, place limitations on the annual amount of operating loss carryovers that can be utilized to offset post-acquisition operating income. Under Internal Revenue Code Section 382, which has been adopted under California law, if during any three-year period there is more than a 50% change in ownership of the Bank, then the future use of any pre-change net operating losses or built-in losses of the Bank would be subject to an annual percentage limitation based on the value of the Bank at an ownership change date.

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Credit Extensions - In the normal course of business, there are various outstanding commitments to extend credit which are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. While the Company does not anticipate losses as a result of these transactions, commitments are included in determining the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses.

Loan commitments are agreements to lend to a customer provided there is no violation of any condition established in the agreement. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. Because many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future funding requirements. As of December 31, 2001 and 2000, undisbursed loan commitments amounted to \$422.4 million and \$311.0 million, respectively. In addition, the Company committed to fund mortgage loan applications in process amounting to \$184.6 million and \$41.4 million as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Commercial letters of credit are issued to facilitate domestic and foreign trade transactions while standby letters of credit are issued to make payments on behalf of customers when certain specified future events occur. As of December 31, 2001 and 2000, commercial and standby letters of credit totaled \$237.4 million and \$183.1 million, respectively.

The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does in extending loan facilities to customers. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Company upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant and equipment, and income-producing commercial properties.

Lease Commitments - The Company conducts a portion of its operations utilizing leased premises and equipment under operating leases. Rental expense amounted to \$3.6 million, \$2.6 million and \$1.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

Future minimum rental payments under noncancelable operating leases are as follows: *(in thousands)*

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Year Ending December 31, | |
| 2002 | \$ 3,098 |
| 2003 | 2,852 |
| 2004 | 2,392 |
| 2005 | 2,258 |
| 2006 | 1,410 |
| Thereafter | 1,560 |
| Total | <u>\$13,570</u> |

Litigation - Neither the Company nor the Bank is involved in any material legal proceedings at December 31, 2001. The Bank, from time to time, is a party to litigation which arises in the ordinary course of business, such as claims to enforce liens, claims involving the origination and servicing of loans, and other issues related to the business of the Bank. After taking into consideration information furnished by counsel to the Company and the Bank, management believes that the resolution of such issues will not have a material adverse impact on the financial position, results of operations, or liquidity of the Company or the Bank.

Regulated Investment Company - In August 2000, the Securities and Exchange Commission completed an examination of East West Securities Company, Inc. The Company received the Commission's findings in a letter dated September 11, 2000. The Commission staff determined that the Fund should not be eligible to be registered as an investment company due to the failure to meet certain regulatory requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and requested that the Fund voluntarily de-register. In its response to the Commission, dated October 11, 2000, the Company stated that it disagrees with certain factual statements and conclusions of law contained in the Commission's findings and sets forth the basis for its belief based on advice of counsel, which was included, that the Fund was formed in compliance with regulatory requirements. In response, the Commission has issued another letter to the Company, dated December 12, 2000, which is essentially similar to the Commission's initial letter. The Company has declined the Commission's requests to voluntarily de-register the Fund. The Company expects to receive further correspondence from the Commission. If the Company were to accommodate the Commission's requests to voluntarily de-register the Fund, the Company would forego the state tax benefits that are currently being realized through the Fund. Further, the Company would forfeit its flexibility to raise additional capital in a tax efficient manner for future business opportunities through the Fund. Management believes, based on the advice of counsel, that the impact of de-registration would be prospective only and not retroactive. The Fund would continue to be a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, from the date of registration to the effective date of de-registration.

Further, a proposed change to California's tax law introduced on February 21, 2002, related to registered investment companies could negatively impact the Company's effective income tax rate in future periods. As currently drafted, the change would require retroactive application to earlier years. As previously mentioned, the Company, relying on existing tax laws and an outside tax opinion, has recognized California benefits relating to the Fund in 2001 and 2000. Management cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this proposed legislation, including whether this proposed bill will be enacted in its present form, whether the final effective date of the proposed tax law will, when passed, be retroactive prior to 2000, or whether the proposed bill will be enacted at all. If enacted in its present form, and if enacted with its current effective date of application, the Company could be required to pay additional California taxes related to earlier years, which would increase the Company's tax expense in a future period unless the constitutionality of such legislation were successfully challenged. Additionally, absent a replacement tax-efficient capital-raising vehicle, the Company's effective tax rate applied to current period earnings in future periods would increase. In light of these events, management will continue to evaluate its long-term plans for the Fund.

15. STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS

Stock Options - The Company adopted the 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on June 25, 1998. Pursuant to an amendment under the Plan, the Company may grant stock options, restricted stock, or any form of award deemed appropriate not to exceed 2,902,000 shares of common stock over a ten-year period. The stock options awarded under the Plan are granted with a four-year or three-year vesting period and a ten-year contractual life. During the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, 25,000 and 35,000 options, respectively, have been granted to outside directors under the Plan.

A summary of the Company's stock options as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 is presented below:

| | 2001 | | 2000 | | 1999 | |
|---|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|
| | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| Outstanding at beginning of year | 2,017,191 | \$10.86 | 1,753,474 | \$10.02 | 1,715,150 | \$10.00 |
| Granted | 391,700 | 23.93 | 338,000 | 15.39 | 72,200 | 10.42 |
| Exercised | (300,724) | 10.20 | (16,444) | 10.00 | - | - |
| Forfeited | (98,674) | 17.71 | (57,839) | 11.90 | (33,876) | 10.00 |
| Outstanding at end of year | <u>2,009,493</u> | <u>\$13.17</u> | <u>2,017,191</u> | <u>\$10.86</u> | <u>1,753,474</u> | <u>\$10.02</u> |
| Options exercisable at year-end | 1,030,827 | | 834,749 | | 426,834 | |
| Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year | \$ 8.20 | | \$ 8.55 | | \$ 5.18 | |

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2001:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Options Outstanding | | | Options Exercisable | |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Number of Outstanding Options | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number of Exercisable Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$10 to \$12 | 1,413,326 | 6.5 years | \$10.01 | 974,335 | \$10.00 |
| \$12 to \$14 | 16,100 | 8.0 years | 12.21 | 5,100 | 12.22 |
| \$14 to \$16 | 205,517 | 8.5 years | 15.80 | 46,142 | 15.86 |
| \$16 to \$18 | - | - | - | - | - |
| \$18 to \$20 | 16,000 | 8.8 years | 18.94 | 4,000 | 18.94 |
| \$20 to \$22 | 4,250 | 6.6 years | 20.72 | 1,250 | 20.63 |
| \$22 to \$24 | 110,800 | 9.5 years | 23.33 | - | - |
| \$24 to \$26 | 241,500 | 9.1 years | 24.21 | - | - |
| \$26 to \$28 | 2,000 | 9.5 years | 26.49 | - | - |
| \$10 to \$28 | <u>2,009,493</u> | <u>7.2 years</u> | <u>\$13.17</u> | <u>1,030,827</u> | <u>\$10.32</u> |

The Company applies APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for the Plan and, accordingly, no compensation expense has been recognized in the consolidated financial statements because the stock options were granted at fair value. Had the Company determined compensation expense based on the fair value at the grant date consistent with SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income and earnings per share ("EPS") would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|-------------|--|----------|----------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | <i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i> | | |
| Net Income | | | |
| As Reported | \$38,783 | \$35,467 | \$28,027 |
| Pro Forma | \$37,900 | \$34,450 | \$27,241 |
| Basic EPS | | | |
| As Reported | \$ 1.68 | \$ 1.58 | \$ 1.23 |
| Pro Forma | \$ 1.65 | \$ 1.53 | \$ 1.20 |
| Diluted EPS | | | |
| As Reported | \$ 1.61 | \$ 1.53 | \$ 1.22 |
| Pro Forma | \$ 1.58 | \$ 1.49 | \$ 1.19 |

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

| | <u>2001</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Expected dividend yield | 1.2% | 0.8% | 1.2% |
| Expected volatility | 34.7% | 47.5% | 43.5% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.6% | 5.1% | 6.7% |
| Expected lives | 5 years | 6 years | 6 years |

Restricted Stock - As part of the 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, the Company granted restricted stock with a three-year vesting period and a ten-year contractual life to certain officers and employees during 1999 and 2000. Non-cash compensation costs amounted to \$328 thousand and \$405 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively. The Company was not entitled to any income tax deduction in 2001 and 2000 in connection with the restricted stock award, since no restrictions have lapsed and no shares have been issued.

A summary of the Company's Restricted Stock as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, including changes during the years then ended, is as follows:

| | <u>2001</u> | | <u>2000</u> | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <u>Weighted Average</u> | | <u>Weighted Average</u> |
| | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Price</u> |
| Outstanding at beginning of year | 83,762 | \$10.65 | 94,140 | \$10.62 |
| Granted | - | - | 1,500 | 12.00 |
| Forfeited | (11,840) | 10.79 | (11,878) | 10.56 |
| Outstanding at end of year | <u>71,922</u> | <u>\$10.63</u> | <u>83,762</u> | <u>\$10.56</u> |

Stock Purchase Plan - The Company has adopted the 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Purchase Plan"), providing eligible employees of the Company and its subsidiaries participation in the ownership of the Company through the right to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at a discount. Under the terms of the Purchase Plan, employees can purchase shares of the Company's common stock at 85% of the per-share market price at the date of grant, subject to an annual limitation of common stock valued at \$25,000. The Purchase Plan qualifies as a non-compensatory plan under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, no compensation expense is recognized under the plan.

The Purchase Plan covers a total of 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. During 2001 and 2000, 42,012 shares totaling \$682 thousand and 53,584 shares totaling \$496 thousand, respectively, were sold to employees under the Purchase Plan.

Warrants - In connection with the securities offering and change in ownership of the Bank, warrants to purchase 475,500 shares of common stock of the Company were issued to the placement agent in June 1998. The warrants are exercisable for a five-year period at an exercise price of \$10 per share. At December 31, 2001, warrants to purchase a total of 22,833 shares of common stock remain outstanding.

16. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Company sponsors a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. The Company's contributions to the plan are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with plan requirements. For tax purposes, eligible participants may contribute up to a maximum of 15% of their compensation, not to exceed the dollar limit imposed by the Internal Revenue Service. For the plan years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999, the Company contributed \$889 thousand, \$578 thousand, and \$459 thousand, respectively.

17. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

In-Store Banking Agreement - In conjunction with the Company's exclusive ten-year agreement with 99 Ranch Market to provide in-store banking services to targeted locations throughout California, the Company has issued 300,000 warrants to senior executives of 99 Ranch Market to purchase common stock of the Company at a price of \$26.67 per share. These warrants will vest over six years and are intended to provide direct benefit to 99 Ranch executives that make a significant contribution to the success of the in-store banking operations. The estimated total fair value of the issued warrants is \$2.7 million.

To further align the interests of both parties, senior executives of 99 Ranch Market have also made a significant investment in the Company, including the purchase of 400,000 newly issued shares of the Company's common stock totaling \$7.9 million. The shares were sold for cash at a price of \$19.71 per share. No underwriting discounts or commissions were paid in connection with this transaction. The proceeds from the sale of the shares will be used for working capital and the repurchase of shares. The shares are restricted and unregistered, and will become registered two years from the transaction date of August 30, 2001. Upon the two-year anniversary, 40% of the shares will become available for sale. After each of the next three anniversaries, 20% of the total shares will become available for sale. All shares can be freely traded on the fifth year anniversary. The total estimated fair value of the purchased shares is \$6.9 million.

The excess of the combined fair values of the issued warrants and the purchased shares over the total consideration paid by the senior executives of 99 Ranch Market for the newly issued shares is accounted for as an intangible asset and is being amortized over the life of the agreement.

Stock Repurchase Program - Since 1999, the Company's Board of Directors has authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$42.0 million of its common stock under six different Stock Repurchase Programs. During the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, excluding the forfeiture of restricted shares, the Company repurchased 556,000 shares and 350,000 shares of common stock with a cost of \$12.8 million and \$8.3 million, respectively. A portion of the shares repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2000, specifically 100,000 shares at a total cost of \$2.4 million, were purchased in a private transaction in connection with the exercise of stock warrants that were issued to the placement agent in June 1998. The repurchase of these shares was exclusive of the six aforementioned Stock Repurchase Programs.

Quarterly Dividends - The Company declared and paid cash dividends of \$0.03 per share during each of the four quarters of 2001 and 2000 totaling \$2.8 million and \$2.7 million, respectively.

Earnings Per Share - The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share for 2001, 2000 and 1999 is presented below:

| | <u>Net Income</u> | <u>Number of Shares</u> | <u>Per Share Amounts</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | <i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i> | | |
| 2001 | | | |
| Basic EPS | \$38,783 | 23,033 | \$1.68 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Stock Options | - | 953 | |
| Restricted Stock | - | 49 | |
| Stock Warrants | - | 19 | |
| Diluted EPS | <u>\$38,783</u> | <u>24,054</u> | \$1.61 |
| 2000 | | | |
| Basic EPS | \$35,467 | 22,448 | \$1.58 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Stock Options | - | 571 | |
| Restricted Stock | - | 33 | |
| Stock Warrants | - | 116 | |
| Diluted EPS | <u>\$35,467</u> | <u>23,168</u> | \$1.53 |
| 1999 | | | |
| Basic EPS | \$28,027 | 22,757 | \$1.23 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Stock Options | - | 69 | |
| Restricted Stock | - | 51 | |
| Stock Warrants | - | 18 | |
| Diluted EPS | <u>\$28,027</u> | <u>22,895</u> | \$1.22 |

18. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Risk-Based Capital - The Company and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines, the Company and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the assets, liabilities and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

As of December 31, 2001 and 2000, the most recent notification from the FDIC categorized the Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, the Bank must maintain specific total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based, and Tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth in the table below. There are no conditions or events since that notification which management believes have changed the category of the Bank.

The actual and required capital amounts and ratios at December 31, 2001 and 2000 are presented as follows:

| | Actual | | For Capital Adequacy Purposes | | To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions | |
|--|-----------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | |
| As of December 31, 2001: | | | | | | |
| Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | |
| Consolidated Company | \$263,181 | 11.2% | \$187,373 | 8.0% | n/a | n/a |
| East West Bank | \$256,248 | 11.0% | \$187,216 | 8.0% | \$234,021 | 10.0% |
| Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | |
| Consolidated Company | \$235,624 | 10.1% | \$93,686 | 4.0% | n/a | n/a |
| East West Bank | \$228,691 | 9.8% | \$93,608 | 4.0% | \$140,412 | 6.0% |
| Tier I Capital (to Average Assets) | | | | | | |
| Consolidated Company | \$235,624 | 8.5% | \$111,475 | 4.0% | n/a | n/a |
| East West Bank | \$228,691 | 8.2% | \$111,336 | 4.0% | \$139,170 | 5.0% |
| As of December 31, 2000: | | | | | | |
| Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | |
| Consolidated Company | \$213,678 | 10.9% | \$157,588 | 8.0% | n/a | n/a |
| East West Bank | \$209,937 | 10.7% | \$157,422 | 8.0% | \$196,777 | 10.0% |
| Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | |
| Consolidated Company | \$189,830 | 9.6% | \$78,794 | 4.0% | n/a | n/a |
| East West Bank | \$186,089 | 9.5% | \$78,711 | 4.0% | \$118,066 | 6.0% |
| Tier I Capital (to Average Assets) | | | | | | |
| Consolidated Company | \$189,830 | 7.7% | \$98,249 | 4.0% | n/a | n/a |
| East West Bank | \$186,089 | 7.9% | \$94,788 | 4.0% | \$118,485 | 5.0% |

Reserve Requirement - The Company is required to maintain a percentage of its deposits as reserves at the Federal Reserve Bank. The daily average reserve requirement was approximately \$862 thousand and \$7.4 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

19. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The estimated fair value amounts have been determined by the Company using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required to interpret market data to develop estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

| | December 31, | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2001 | | 2000 | |
| | Carrying or Contract Amount | Estimated Fair Value | Carrying or Contract Amount | Estimated Fair Value |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 224,334 | \$ 224,334 | \$ 63,048 | \$ 63,048 |
| Investment securities available for sale | 323,099 | 323,099 | 488,290 | 488,290 |
| Loans receivable, net | 2,132,838 | 2,150,185 | 1,789,988 | 1,788,317 |
| FHLB stock | 8,984 | 8,984 | 14,845 | 14,845 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 11,182 | 11,182 | 15,138 | 15,138 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Customer deposit accounts: | | | | |
| Demand accounts | 1,110,101 | 1,110,101 | 647,174 | 647,174 |
| Time deposits | 1,307,873 | 1,311,650 | 1,301,388 | 1,299,899 |
| Short-term borrowings | -- | -- | 38,000 | 38,013 |
| FHLB advances | 104,000 | 106,734 | 268,000 | 268,074 |
| Notes payable | 900 | 900 | -- | -- |
| Junior subordinated debt securities | 20,750 | 23,434 | 20,750 | 22,797 |
| Accrued interest payable | 3,010 | 3,010 | 5,010 | 5,010 |
| Off-balance sheet financial instruments: | | | | |
| Commercial letters of credit | 14,333 | 18 | 14,842 | 19 |
| Standby letters of credit | 223,018 | 2,306 | 168,300 | 1,968 |
| Commitments to extend credit | 422,448 | 2,110 | 310,974 | 1,733 |
| Derivatives: | | | | |
| Interest rate swaps | -- | -- | -- | (149) |
| Interest rate caps | -- | -- | 24 | 24 |

The methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value are explained below:

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The carrying amounts approximate fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

Investment Securities and Derivative Instruments - The fair value is based on quoted market price from securities brokers or dealers in the respective instruments.

Loans and Accrued Interest Receivable - Fair values are estimated for portfolios of loans with similar financial characteristics, primarily fixed and adjustable rate interest terms. The fair values of fixed-rate mortgage loans are based upon discounted cash flows utilizing applicable risk-adjusted spreads relative to the current pricing for 15- and 30-year conventional loans as well as anticipated prepayment schedules. The fair values of adjustable-rate mortgage loans are based upon discounted cash flows utilizing discount rates that approximate the risk-adjusted pricing of available mortgage-backed securities having similar rates and repricing characteristics as well as anticipated prepayment schedules. No adjustments have been made for changes in credit within the loan portfolio. It is management's

opinion that the allowance for loan losses pertaining to performing and nonperforming loans results in a fair valuation of such loans. The carrying amount of accrued interest receivable approximates fair value due to its short term nature.

FHLB Stock - The carrying amount approximates fair value, as the stock may be sold back to the Federal Home Loan Bank at carrying value.

Deposits and Accrued Interest Payable - The fair values of deposits are estimated based upon the type of deposit products. Demand accounts, which include passbooks and transaction accounts, are presumed to have equal book and fair values, since the interest rates paid on these accounts are based on prevailing market rates. The estimated fair values of time deposits are based upon the contractual discounted cash flows estimated in current rate for the deposits over the remaining terms. The carrying amount of accrued interest payable approximates fair value due to its short term nature.

Short-term Borrowings - The fair values are estimated by discounting the amounts contractually due under such agreements using the prevailing federal funds rate at each reporting date.

FHLB Advances - The fair values of FHLB advances are estimated based on the discounted value of contractual cash flows, using rates currently offered by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco for fixed-rate credit advances with similar remaining maturities at each reporting date.

Junior Subordinated Debt Securities - The fair values of junior subordinated debt securities are estimated by discounting the cash flows through maturity based on prevailing rates offered on the 30-year Treasury bond at each reporting date.

Commitments to Extend Credit, Commercial and Standby Letters of Credit - The fair values of commitments are estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparty's credit standing.

The fair value estimates presented herein are based on pertinent information available to management as of each reporting date. Although management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these financial statements since that date and, therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

20. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management utilizes an internal reporting system to measure the performance of various operating segments within the Company and the Company overall. Four principal operating segments have been identified by the Company for purposes of management reporting: retail banking, commercial lending, treasury, and residential lending. Information related to the Company's remaining centralized functions and eliminations of intersegment amounts have been aggregated and included in "Other." Although all four operating segments offer financial products and services, they are managed separately based on each segment's strategic focus. While the retail banking segment focuses primarily on retail operations through the Company's branch network, certain designated branches have responsibility for generating commercial deposits and loans. The commercial lending segment primarily generates commercial loans and deposits through the efforts of commercial lending officers located in the Company's northern and southern California production offices. The treasury department's primary focus is managing the Company's investments, liquidity, and interest rate risk; the residential lending segment is mainly responsible for the Company's portfolio of single family and multifamily residential loans.

Operating segment results are based on the Company's internal management reporting process, which reflects assignments and allocations of capital, certain operating and administrative costs and the provision for loan losses. Net interest income is based on the Company's internal funds transfer pricing system which assigns a cost of funds or a credit for funds to assets or liabilities based on their type, maturity or repricing characteristics. Noninterest income and noninterest expense, including depreciation and amortization, directly attributable to a segment are assigned to that business. Indirect costs, including overhead expense, are allocated to the segments based on several factors, including, but not limited to, full-time equivalent employees, loan volume and deposit volume. The provision for credit losses is allocated based on actual losses incurred and an allocation of the remaining provision based on new loan originations for the period. The Company evaluates overall performance based on profit or loss from operations before income taxes not including nonrecurring gains and losses.

Future changes in the Company's management structure or reporting methodologies may result in changes in the measurement of operating segment results. Results for prior periods have been restated for comparability for changes in management structure or reporting methodologies.

The following tables present the operating results and other key financial measures for the individual operating segments for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999:

| | Year Ended December 31, 2001 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | Retail | Commercial | | Residential | | |
| (In thousands) | Banking | Lending | Treasury | Lending | Other | Total |
| Interest income | \$ 57,697 | \$ 52,636 | \$ 27,218 | \$ 40,496 | \$ 4,651 | \$ 182,698 |
| Charge for funds used | (32,618) | (32,266) | (24,312) | (28,185) | 466 | (116,915) |
| Interest spread on funds used | 25,079 | 20,370 | 2,906 | 12,311 | 5,117 | 65,783 |
| Interest expense | (58,119) | (3,249) | (21,980) | - | - | (83,348) |
| Credit on funds provided | 85,637 | 6,034 | 25,244 | - | - | 116,915 |
| Interest spread on funds provided | 27,518 | 2,785 | 3,264 | - | - | 33,567 |
| Net interest income | \$ 52,597 | \$ 23,155 | \$ 6,170 | \$ 12,311 | \$ 5,117 | \$ 99,350 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 5,275 | \$ 933 | \$ (552) | \$ 638 | \$ 3,159 | \$ 9,453 |
| Segment pretax profit | 9,989 | 18,036 | 7,096 | 9,768 | 7,711 | 52,600 |
| Segment assets | 822,950 | 822,147 | 487,085 | 530,777 | 162,344 | 2,825,303 |

| | Year Ended December 31, 2000 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | Retail | Commercial | | Residential | | |
| (In thousands) | Banking | Lending | Treasury | Lending | Other | Total |
| Interest income | \$ 53,780 | \$ 55,027 | \$ 35,029 | \$ 38,903 | \$ 3,341 | \$ 186,080 |
| Charge for funds used | (36,904) | (39,284) | (34,071) | (32,540) | (854) | (143,653) |
| Interest spread on funds used | 16,876 | 15,743 | 958 | 6,363 | 2,487 | 42,427 |
| Interest expense | (52,993) | (5,210) | (38,390) | - | - | (96,593) |
| Credit on funds provided | 88,985 | 9,940 | 44,728 | - | - | 143,653 |
| Interest spread on funds provided | 35,992 | 4,730 | 6,338 | - | - | 47,060 |
| Net interest income | \$ 52,868 | \$ 20,473 | \$ 7,296 | \$ 6,363 | \$ 2,487 | \$ 89,487 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 4,228 | \$ 486 | \$ 321 | \$ 684 | \$ 3,032 | \$ 8,751 |
| Segment pretax profit | 23,413 | 13,138 | 6,846 | 4,985 | 1,713 | 50,095 |
| Segment assets | 586,568 | 695,576 | 507,642 | 534,086 | 162,099 | 2,485,971 |

| | Year Ended December 31, 1999 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | Retail | Commercial | | Residential | | |
| (In thousands) | Banking | Lending | Treasury | Lending | Other | Total |
| Interest income | \$ 33,755 | \$ 34,502 | \$ 38,959 | \$ 38,340 | \$ 2,471 | \$ 148,027 |
| Charge for funds used | (19,901) | (20,221) | (33,472) | (26,886) | (149) | (100,629) |
| Interest spread on funds used | 13,854 | 14,281 | 5,487 | 11,454 | 2,322 | 47,398 |
| Interest expense | (40,072) | (2,976) | (33,094) | - | - | (76,142) |
| Credit on funds provided | 58,269 | 5,309 | 37,051 | - | - | 100,629 |
| Interest spread on funds provided | 18,197 | 2,333 | 3,957 | - | - | 24,487 |
| Net interest income | \$ 32,051 | \$ 16,614 | \$ 9,444 | \$ 11,454 | \$ 2,322 | \$ 71,885 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 2,550 | \$ 251 | \$ 346 | \$ (258) | \$ 1,250 | \$ 4,139 |
| Segment pretax profit | 8,600 | 13,130 | 9,919 | 9,492 | 489 | 41,630 |
| Segment assets | 438,142 | 602,315 | 533,387 | 487,299 | 91,487 | 2,152,630 |

21. EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

BALANCE SHEETS

| | December 31, | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4,109 | \$ 2,441 |
| Loans receivable | 500 | 500 |
| Investments in affordable housing partnerships | 1,131 | - |
| Investment in subsidiaries | 257,943 | 203,425 |
| Investment in nonbank entity | 500 | 500 |
| Goodwill | 958 | 351 |
| Other assets | 2,489 | 721 |
| Total assets | <u>\$267,630</u> | <u>\$207,938</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Junior subordinated debt securities | \$ 20,750 | \$ 20,750 |
| Account payable to subsidiary | 1,274 | - |
| Other liabilities | 1,191 | 1,039 |
| Total liabilities | <u>23,215</u> | <u>21,789</u> |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Common stock (par value \$0.001 per share) | | |
| Authorized -- 50,000,000 shares | | |
| Issued -- 25,791,660 shares and 24,508,331 shares in 2001 and 2000, respectively | | |
| Outstanding -- 23,376,079 shares and 22,660,590 shares in 2001 and 2000, respectively | 26 | 25 |
| Additional paid in capital | 145,312 | 118,039 |
| Retained earnings | 135,765 | 99,764 |
| Deferred compensation | (378) | (1,344) |
| Treasury stock, at cost: 2,415,581 shares in 2001 and 1,847,741 shares in 2000 | (35,945) | (23,060) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax | (365) | (7,275) |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>244,415</u> | <u>186,149</u> |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$267,630</u> | <u>\$207,938</u> |

STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Dividends from subsidiaries | \$ 6,824 | \$ 9,578 | \$17,494 |
| Interest income | 85 | 10 | - |
| Other income | 68 | 14 | - |
| Total income | <u>6,977</u> | <u>9,602</u> | <u>17,494</u> |
| Interest expense | 2,270 | 1,377 | - |
| Compensation and net occupancy reimbursement to subsidiary | 1,274 | - | - |
| Other expense | 928 | 1,052 | 977 |
| Total expense | <u>4,472</u> | <u>2,429</u> | <u>977</u> |
| Income before income taxes and equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries | 2,505 | 7,173 | 16,517 |
| Income tax benefit | 1,919 | 1,008 | 448 |
| Equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries | <u>34,359</u> | <u>27,286</u> | <u>11,062</u> |
| Net income | <u>\$38,783</u> | <u>\$35,467</u> | <u>\$28,027</u> |

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 38,783 | \$35,467 | \$28,027 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries | (34,359) | (27,286) | (11,062) |
| Stock compensation cost | 369 | 421 | 249 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 194 | 20 | - |
| Net change in other assets | (15) | (13) | 6 |
| Net change in other liabilities | 1,541 | 779 | 215 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>6,513</u> | <u>9,388</u> | <u>17,435</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Purchase of investments in affordable housing partnerships | (1,091) | - | - |
| Capital contribution to subsidiary | - | (20,078) | - |
| Net change in loans receivable | - | (500) | - |
| Investment in nonbank entity | - | (250) | (250) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(1,091)</u> | <u>(20,828)</u> | <u>(250)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock related to in-store banking operations | 7,884 | - | - |
| Proceeds from common stock options exercised | 3,068 | 164 | - |
| Proceeds from stock purchase plan | 682 | 496 | 218 |
| Proceeds from stock warrants exercised | 279 | 4,248 | - |
| Proceeds from issuance of junior subordinated debt securities | - | 20,750 | - |
| Payment of debt issue cost | - | (672) | - |
| Repurchases of common stock | (12,885) | (8,401) | (14,659) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (2,782) | (2,704) | (2,744) |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | <u>(3,754)</u> | <u>13,881</u> | <u>(17,185)</u> |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 1,668 | 2,441 | - |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 2,441 | - | - |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | <u>\$ 4,109</u> | <u>\$ 2,441</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures | | | |
| Cash paid during the year for: | | | |
| Interest | \$ 2,245 | \$ 536 | \$ - |
| Noncash financing activities: | | | |
| Issuance of shares in connection with the acquisition of Prime Bank | 12,260 | - | - |
| Deferred operating expense from issuance of common stock and warrants related to in-store banking operations | 1,757 | - | - |
| Issuance of shares in connection with the acquisition of East West Insurance Agency, Inc., net of deferred compensation | - | 869 | - |

22. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Quarterly Cash Dividend - On January 29, 2002, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.0675 per share. The total dividend amounted to \$1.6 million and was paid on or about February 22, 2002 to shareholders of record on February 8, 2002. This quarterly dividend represents a 125% increase from the \$0.03 per share quarterly dividend paid by the Company for previous quarters.

In-Store Banking Branches - As part of its initial phase to provide in-store banking services to targeted store locations of 99 Ranch Market, the Company opened two branch locations in the Los Angeles area in February 2002.

23. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (unaudited)

| | Quarters Ended | | | |
|---|---|---------------|----------|-----------|
| | December 31, | September 30, | June 30, | March 31, |
| | <i>In thousands, except per share data)</i> | | | |
| 2001 | | | | |
| Interest and dividend income | \$42,391 | \$44,391 | \$46,546 | \$49,370 |
| Interest expense | 15,840 | 19,571 | 22,086 | 25,851 |
| Net interest income | 26,551 | 24,820 | 24,460 | 23,519 |
| Provision for loan losses | 2,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 717 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 24,051 | 23,320 | 22,960 | 22,802 |
| Noninterest income | 5,403 | 4,651 | 5,129 | 6,408 |
| Noninterest expense | 16,559 | 15,269 | 14,903 | 15,393 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 12,895 | 12,702 | 13,186 | 13,817 |
| Provision for income taxes | 3,393 | 2,921 | 3,497 | 3,919 |
| Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle | 9,502 | 9,781 | 9,689 | 9,898 |
| Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle | - | - | - | (87) |
| Net income | \$ 9,502 | \$ 9,781 | \$ 9,689 | \$ 9,811 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.43 | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.43 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.39 | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.41 |
| 2000 | | | | |
| Interest and dividend income | \$48,430 | \$47,289 | \$46,120 | \$44,241 |
| Interest expense | 25,856 | 24,711 | 23,769 | 22,257 |
| Net interest income | 22,574 | 22,578 | 22,351 | 21,984 |
| Provision for loan losses | 300 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 22,274 | 21,278 | 20,951 | 20,584 |
| Noninterest income | 3,446 | 3,660 | 3,469 | 4,393 |
| Noninterest expense | 13,799 | 12,250 | 12,177 | 11,734 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 11,921 | 12,688 | 12,243 | 13,243 |
| Provision for income taxes | 2,309 | 3,910 | 3,879 | 4,530 |
| Net income | \$ 9,612 | \$ 8,778 | \$ 8,364 | \$ 8,713 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.39 | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.39 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.40 | \$ 0.38 | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.38 |

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
East West Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries
San Marino, California

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of East West Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DeLoitte & Touche LLP

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Los Angeles, California
February 8, 2002
(February 21, 2002 as to Note 14)

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

February 8, 2002

To our shareholders:

Financial Statements

The management of East West Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of its published financial statements and all other financial information presented in this annual report. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and, as such, include amounts based on informed judgments and estimates made by management.

Internal Control

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, including safeguarding of assets, for financial presentations in conformity with both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Instructions for Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report instructions). The internal control contains monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies identified.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective internal control can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to consolidated financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time.

Management assessed the Company's internal control over financial reporting, including safeguarding of assets, for financial presentations in conformity with both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and Call Report instructions as of December 31, 2001. This assessment was based on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting, including safeguarding of assets, described in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, management believes that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting, including safeguarding of assets, presented in conformity with both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and Call Report instructions, as of December 31, 2001.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised entirely of outside directors who are independent of the Company's management. The Audit Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors the selection of independent auditors. It meets periodically with management, the independent auditors, and the internal auditors to ensure that they are carrying out their responsibilities. The Committee is also responsible for performing an oversight role by reviewing and monitoring the financial, accounting and auditing procedures of the Company in addition to reviewing the Company's financial reports. The independent auditors and the internal auditors have full and free access to the Audit Committee, with or without the presence of management, to discuss the adequacy of internal control over financial reporting and any other matters which they believe should be brought to the attention of the Committee.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

Management is also responsible for ensuring compliance with federal laws and regulations concerning loans to insiders and the federal and state laws and regulations concerning dividend restrictions, both of which are designated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as safety and soundness laws and regulations.

Management assessed its compliance with the designated safety and soundness laws and regulations and has maintained records of its determinations and assessments as required by the FDIC. Based on this assessment, management believes that the Company has complied, in all material respects, with the designated safety and soundness laws and regulations for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Dominic Ng
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer

Julia Gouw
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
INVESTOR INFORMATION

COMMON STOCK AND DIVIDENDS

East West Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock (symbol: EWBC) trades on the Nasdaq Stock Market. At December 31, 2001, there were 23,376,079 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

The following table sets forth the range of closing sales prices for the Company's common stock for each of the quarters in the two years ended December 31, 2001:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2001 | | 2000 | |
| | High | Low | High | Low |
| First quarter | \$26.00 | \$18.38 | \$13.25 | \$10.06 |
| Second quarter | 27.00 | 16.38 | 14.63 | 10.66 |
| Third quarter | 26.75 | 21.64 | 20.63 | 14.00 |
| Fourth quarter | 26.93 | 18.85 | 26.69 | 17.81 |

East West quarterly cash dividends on common stock, when and if declared by the Board of Directors, are distributed in February, May, August, and November.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, May 15, 2002 at:

The Ritz - Carlton
Huntington Hotel & Spa
1401 South Oak Knoll Avenue
Pasadena, California 91106

Formal notice of the meeting with a proxy card and proxy statement, was mailed to all shareholders of record as of March 25, 2002.

Stock Transfer Agent

Shareholders with inquiries about accounts, lost stock certificates, or changes of address, may contact U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation by calling (818) 502-1404 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Written correspondence may be sent to:

U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation
1745 Gardena Avenue
Glendale, CA 91204

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND MAILINGS

You may obtain the Company's Annual Reports on Form 10-K and other financial information by writing or calling :

East West Bancorp, Inc.
Investor Relations
415 Huntington Drive
San Marino, CA 91108
(800) 713-6506

QUARTERLY REPORTS

East West's financial results are provided in quarterly earnings releases. A copy of the release is available via the following methods:

By Fax

Call (800) 776-4636 and enter ticker symbol EWBC. If calling from outside the United States, please call (732) 544-2850.

On the Internet

Company information and news releases are also available at www.eastwestbank.com.

To receive company news releases via e-mail, please contact Investor Relations at the telephone number or address above.

By Mail

Upon request we will mail to you our quarterly earnings releases. To be added to the mailing list, please contact Investor Relations at the telephone number or address above.

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Member

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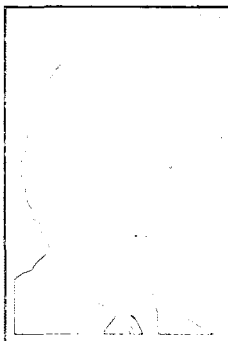
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Member FDIC



EDWARD ZAPANTA, M.D.

1939-2002

Edward Zapanta, M.D. a prominent Los Angeles neurological surgeon, served with great distinction as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of East West Bank since 1998 and our parent company, East West Bancorp, since its formation. Dr. Zapanta acted as a pioneer in bringing greater diversity to corporate and charitable entities throughout California, serving on the Board of Directors at the Times Mirror (1988 - 2000), Edison International (1984 - 2002) and The James Irvine Foundation (1988 - 2002). Among the other recognition of his talents, dedication and commitment, Dr. Zapanta was awarded the Alumnus of the Year in 1998 from the U.S.C. Medical School Alumni Association and through the creation of the Edward Zapanta Scholarship at the U.S.C. Medical School. Through his unfailing spirit and common sense, Dr. Zapanta has had an enduring impact on our ability to serve our customers, communities and shareholders. Until his death on February 3, 2002, Dr. Zapanta was senior Medical Director of Healthcare Partners Medical Group, which merged with Universal Medi-Co, a multi-specialty medical group that he founded. Dr. Zapanta, who was board-certified in neurological surgery, was a clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1963, as well as a member of the USC Board of Trustees and a prior member of the Board of Directors of Blue Cross of California. A native of Los Angeles, Dr. Zapanta brought a social awareness, a belief in hard work and true humanity to his duties on the Board of East West. His fellow directors and the staff will miss his warmth and his wisdom.

East West Bancorp, Inc.

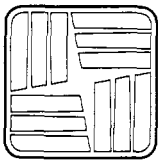
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